**Willkommen in Deutsch 1!**

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**The Laws of Karte**:

1. Respect yourself and *all* others at *all* times!
2. Come to class prepared to learn!

**The German**:

There are 4 main aspects (skills) to foreign language learning: **Reading**, **Writing**, **Listening**, and **Speaking**. In order to truly master a language, all 4 of these skills need to be developed. This is exactly what will be done in class (and at home) with various activities, assignments, practices, quizzes, tests, and projects.

**Participation**:

Succeeding in language classes requires active participation in the classroom AS WELL AS tasks done inside and outside the classroom. All students are expected to do so!  
  
**HAVE NO FEAR** about your participation in class! *Everyone* is here to learn. It helps everyone in class (including you!) to try your best and be an active participant each day without hesitation. You will very often work with other people. Collaboration is a good thing!

🡪 Everyone will receive points on a weekly basis for their participation/effort and for organization in class. Lack of participation, disruption of one’s own or others’ learning, and refraining from staying organized will result in loss of points for the week. Remember! PARticipation, not POORticipation!

The organization will be checked intermittently. 4 things are being considered when checking:

1. Physical organization with paperwork/assignments
2. Can you show which assignments/quizlets/tests/tasks need to be done?
3. Can you show when the above (in #3) need to be turned in or are taking place?
4. The cherry on top: Can you show your objectives for class? How do you know what you need to know?

**In order to successfully learn a new language:**

**-You have to put forth *genuine* effort  
-You have to be having *fun*!**

**Assignments/Tasks**:

The assignments are all about the **German practice**! It’s not about filling out papers. Aim to do quality work! It’s about having a solid understanding of how to speak and use German!

You will most often have 2 (or more) days to finish and turn in assignments for German class. Assignments are graded for accurate, correct German skills. If a student receives less than 10/10 on a regular assignment, they are allowed to fix the errors and turn the assignment in again for up to full points - as many times as they need to! Generally, chapter tests and final tests may not be retaken, while many quizzes can be.

Lateness: assignments that come in 1-2 school days later than the intended day will automatically lose 20% of their value. 3-4 school days late will lose 50% of their value, while 5 school days later will lose 80%. More than 5 school days will receive 0 credit.

Turn in things on time! This makes it WAY easier for Herr Karte and the crew members behind the scenes that are helping move things along for you. There will always be plenty of time to get things done!

**Missing class or being spät to class**:

Always communicate! Especially if you know ahead of time that you won’t be in class for ANY reason, talk to your teachers! Also be sure to inform the correct personnel at the main office. Be aware of what happens when students arrive late to class! The full list of potential consequences is shown on page 23 in the student handbook/planner and includes parent/guardian contact, detention/Friday school, suspension, usw.

**Eating and drinking**:  
Eating and drinking quietly during class is okay, IF…

-it doesn’t disrupt anything or anyone.

-it doesn’t cause the room to be in a messy state or leave the room in a messy state.

Please don’t chew gum! It prevents normal, fluent speech and doesn’t belong in a language classroom.

Please don’t drink any types of energy drinks or excessive coffee! Be kind to your heart!

**Technology**:  
Please do not *use* or *have* cell phones or other electronic devices out in class! Some circumstances will warrant Herr Karte allowing the use of cell phones for a bit, as well as times when Herr Karte says to take a “Pause.”

If you *do* use a cell phone or other electronic device during class, Herr Karte will take it from you to be returned at the end of class. Repeat offenses will result in the device being transferred to the main office.

In urgent or emergency cases *during* class, parents should contact the main office directly, not you!

**PLEASE** do **NOT EVER** use Google Translate! There are so many better strategies and tools to help with language learning. For your own benefit, stay far away from Google Translate and relying on translators!

**Plagiarism**:

Just don’t plagiarize!

**DO NOT** take work from others, both within or outside the school, and submit it as your own!

**DO NOT** give your work out to others, both within or outside the school, and let them submit it as their own!

**DO NOT** use translators and submit it as your own work!

These things are unacceptable for a language class and do not help anyone. **All** parties involved with these kinds of incidents will result in 0 points for the related tasks with no allowance to do it again.  
 **German 1 will cover these themes/topics over the course of 2 trimesters**:

Themes: Grammatical Topics:

-Introductions/meetings -≈4 types of verbs!

-Numbers/letters -Pronouns

-Telling time -Possessive Pronouns

-Family words and descriptions -Asking questions

-Hobbies/free-time activities -Sentence structure

-School subjects/supplies -Nominative/Accusative cases

-Foods/drinks/ordering at cafés/restaurants -Prepositions

-Clothing -Commands

-Rooms/household items/chores -Conjunctions

-Weather

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**(Please cut on the dashed line and turn in to Herr Karte)**

**To verify that the above information has been read and understood by students and parents/guardians alike, please sign where indicated:**

**Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
  
Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature**

**Vielen Dank!**