**DEUTSCHSTUNDE**

***Lesen, Schreiben, Sprechen, Zuhöhen!***

**Herr Winslow**

Welcome to German language class! You will be developing your reading, writing, speaking and listening skills in the German language, which is used by millions of people. You will also be enhancing your knowledge of the Germanic cultures, traditions and lifestyles --- past and present. Let’s embrace this opportunity with enthusiasm and vigor and always be prepared for and participiate in the “journey.”

First and foremost, where appropriate, be sure to bring the following items to class dach day:

* Sense of responsibility and respect for all members of the class and all items in the class
* Notebook or 3-ring binder
* Appropriate textbook and handouts
* Pens or pencils
* Assigned homework or project

Ensure that you arrive at class on time. Once you are in class, be sure to sharpen a pencil if necessary and then take your assigned seat promptly. It is important that we use all the class time that is allotted to us --- from the opening bell to the closing bell --- and that we use this time wisely. Let’s avoid silly disruptions and strive to keep to a minimum requests to visit the restroom or guidance office.

Be mindful that your performance will be evaluated as follows (percentage allotments may vary):

* **Major Tests/Quizzes** *(TBD% of your semester grade)* --- There will probably be one or two major writing/listening tests per marking period. There will be a final written exam *(TBD% of your final grade*) and there may also be a major final oral/listening test. Tests will cover or involve grammar, vocabulary, culture items, reading and writing. You may be quizzed on vocabulary words, grammar concepts and culture items. You may also be directed to take one or more dictations or respond to questions.
* **Classwork** *(TBD% of your semester grade)* --- This will involve various in-class reading, speaking, writing and listening activities that require your attention and active participation. In particular, be sure to listen carefully to the teacher’s directives and to pay attention to the responses (oral, written, or otherwise) of your fellow students during the various in-class exercises. Note that you can learn from everyone in the class. Needless talking or goofing off when others are speaking detracts from your performance and that of the class.
* **Homework** (*TBD% of your semester grade*) --- This will involve various writing and preparation exercises that should be completed outside of class but may in some cases be started in class.

*Note that if you receive a grade lower than “77” for any test or quiz, and if you are cooperating in class and applying yourself satisfactorily, you will have the opportunity to retest and bring up your grade to a maximum grade of “77” (although this might not be feasible for the final exam per time constraints).*If you need extra help, feel free to consult me. Generally, per work obligations outside of Delran, I will be on school premises only before school and during first and second periods

*Danke schön! Viel Glück!*