

Open Disclosure  
German 2  
Herr McGrath  
2015-2016

**Goal for the class:**

The goal for German 2 is to expand on what you already learned in German I by greatly increasing your vocabulary while focusing more upon correct grammar usage. We will be exploring new verb tenses, cases and an emphasis will be placed on speaking and using the language more freely. We will also be exploring various cultural aspects typical of the German speaking world. You should be prepared to write, read and speak a great deal more in German 2 than in German I. You've all made the transition into German II so that indicates to me you are ready and willing to challenge yourself and take ownership of your own language-learning experience. The stakes are definitely much, much higher than they were last year.

**Grading Scale:**

- A – 90 to 100
- B – 80 to 89
- C – 70 to 79
- D – 60 to 69
- F – Below 59

**Quarter Grade Computation:**

20%Participation (Or in other words, your speaking grade)

This portion of your grade is extremely important. Each student will be required to accumulate 25 participation points each quarter. These points will be earned but can also be taken away. Extra participation points will be converted into extra credit at the end of each quarter.

- 15%Oral and Listening
- 15%Homework/Tagebücher
- 20%Quizzes and Graded Work
- 30%Tests and Projects

**Semester Grade Computation:**

- 40%First Quarter
- 40%Second Quarter
- 20%Semester Exam

**Materials you will need:**

- Writing utensil
- Paper
- 3-ring binder or folder to keep track of all supplemental handouts and materials you will be given throughout the entire year.

**A note on homework:**

Unless you were absent which was excused or because of some extremely bizarre circumstances, homework is due immediately following the day it was assigned. I won't accept late homework because you left it in your locker, you brought the wrong notebook or you had more important things to do. Homework will be consistent but never overwhelming. I don't give homework on Fridays.

**Make-up work:**

We all lead busy lives and I realize absences occur. I am more than happy to allow you to make up work which you have missed due to an absence which has been excused, however..... It is your responsibility to inquire about work you have missed. I may remind you but seldom more than once. Zeros will be devastating to your grade so please make an effort to finish all assignments.

**Expectations:**

I am looking forward to an exciting and productive year. Learning another language is a great deal of fun and will prove extremely beneficial to you all. I expect a great deal of participation and hard work. Attendance in a W.L. class is of the utmost importance. Language is sequential and builds upon itself. Frequent absences or not paying attention can be detrimental to your language learning success. A language can not be learned passively you have to be proactive and aggressive to achieve proficiency in a W.L. Come to class, do your best and let's have a great year!