**German 7th Grade**

**Teacher**: Mary Lay

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**Supply List**:

-loose leaf notebook paper + binder or folder to organize it

-pencil and eraser

**Course Information**:

This course begins the Year 1 introduction to the German language. Because students can receive high school credit for this course, we will focus on essential communication in the language. Students will learn to respond in simple conversations and read and write simple texts. Grammar concepts include the present and future tenses, accusative case, and basic pronouns.

**High School Credit**:

Students who pass 8th grade German will receive 1 high school foreign language credit. Please be aware that, unlike most other middle school courses, this grade is permanent and will affect their GPA. 7th grade is the beginning of this HS credit course.

**Homework Policy**:

No unexcused late work. No late work will be accepted for previous quarters. (In other words, in November you may not turn in an assignment due in September.) Late work will receive a penalty of 10 pts per day unless the student has an officially-excused absence.

**Classroom Behavior Expectations**:

1. Be prepared. Bringing your paper, pencil, book and homework should be old habits.

2. Be responsible. Follow school rules, dress code, and classroom procedures.

3. Show respect. Respect the teacher (including substitutes), the students, and the property.

**Behavior Consequences**:

First time: visual or verbal warning + possible parent notification

Second time: warning + MR + email to parents + lunch detention

3 MRs: office referral + parent conference + ISS (or other consequence as determined by administration)

**Electronic Device Policy**:

Unless otherwise instructed, there will be NO electronic devices allowed in the classroom this year. You may not take notes, make flash cards, or use your electronic devices in any way. If you finish an assignment early, you can read a book- a real, paper book with words.

**Electronic Device Consequences:**

First time: device is taken up for the remainder of the day

Second time: device is turned in to the office for 10 days + email to parents + MR

Third time: device is turned in to the office for 20 days + email to parents + MR

Parents: if you need to contact your student, please call the office with your message. Do not email or text your student while they are in class!

Students: if you forgot an assignment or sports equipment or need to check on a ride home, ask your teacher *before* texting or calling your parents. I will take up your phone if you are using it without permission.

**Grading Policy**:

Tests, assessments and projects: 50%

Homework and classwork: 50%

**IB Tests**:

IB Tests are graded on a scale of 1 – 8, where 8 is the highest. ALL middle school students participate in IB Middle Years Program (MYP). In an effort to align SMMHS with IB standards more student work this year will be graded on a 1-8 scale.

At this point in time, I am not sure if you will receive continuous access to the Managebac gradebook, or if you will simply receive a report card with their IB grades. Therefore, all grades will be entered in the usual Power School gradebook until further notice.

Generally speaking:

0 = not a passing grade

1 – 2 = D

3 – 4 = C

5 – 6 = B

7 – 8 = A

**Weekly email**:

I send a weekly email with vocabulary, test/quiz announcements and other information. If you do not receive an email from me within the first week of school, please email me at lay\_mary@hcde.org so I can help you and your student stay connected with the class.

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