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**2012-2013**

**Frau Munsie**

**Willkommen**!! Welcome to German! I am extremely excited about the up-coming year at Randall K. Cooper High School and our fifth year of the German program.

 A bit about me: I graduated from Miami University, and also lived in Germany for approximately two years, studying at the Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München in Munich, Germany. I love theatre, and am currently getting my Master’s in Administration from Xavier University.

I am extremely passionate about the language and culture of Germany, and hope that this will be passed on to you throughout the duration of this course. Learning a foreign language is something to be taken very seriously. If you would like to be successful with the target language and develop to the point of being able to use the language in real-life situations (which is the main goal!), then you must be willing to put forth the time and effort. I promise that it will be very rewarding, and we will have a fun time along the way. If there is something you would like to learn about, please bring it to my attention so that we may incorporate it into our units!

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**Course Description (Taken from the RCHS Course Guide):**

German I: The beginning course of German integrates the four language skills in reading, writing, listening, and speaking with the German culture to encourage the student to actively participate in real-life situations. The goal of this course is to inspire the student to use the skills he/she acquires to participate in real communication from the outset.



**Classroom Rules and Procedures:**

1. Students are expected to be on time to class. If tardy, students must first receive a tardy pass from a faculty member in the hallway.
2. Students are to begin working on the flashback immediately upon arrival to class. This is not optional, and students will receive a grade on these.
3. Students are expected to wait for the teacher to dismiss them, not the bell.
4. Students are expected to bring materials to class: book (if applicable), workbook, pen/pencil, notebook, etc.
5. Students are responsible for themselves and their work.
6. Students are to respect themselves, other students, the teacher and the room at all times.
7. Students are to have absolutely NO cell phones and/or MP3 players in the classroom. If it is seen or heard, the item will be confiscated and PICKED UP BY A PARENT/GUARDIAN.
8. Students are not allowed to eat or drink (except for water) in all classrooms of RCHS.

**Grading**:

The point system is based on the scale adopted by Randall K. Cooper High School. Students and parents have access to the online grade book, Infinite Campus. Please contact the front office if you need more information.

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 87-93 B
 78-86 C
 70-77 D
 Below 69 F**

**Weighting of Term Grades:**

-Tests/Quizzes/Assessments (written and oral) 50%
-Classwork 20%
-Projects 15%
-Homework 15%

*Note: Homework may be checked for EITHER correctness or completion.*

**Late Work:**

Late work will receive a 10% deduction per day that it is late, receiving a minimum of 50% of the earned grade. I do not anticipate having many missed homework assignments, though there should never be any zeros in the gradebook. Missing assignments are not an option – you need to make up those assignments.

**Materials:**

All students are expected to purchase the following items. If for some reason this is not possible, please speak with me, so that other arrangements may be made.

1. 3-ring binder, designated for German
	1. This may be collected and checked, including your notes section!
2. Dividers
3. Plain three-prong folder
4. Students may choose one of the following:
	1. Dry erase markers
	2. Box of tissues
	3. Lysol Disinfecting Wipes
	4. Paper Towels

\*\**Students may bring in one extra of the four items to receive extra credit.*

**Textbooks:**

We will be using *Komm mit!* for German I. We have a classroom set of textbooks, and unfortunately, students may not have a textbook to take home for the year. If a student would like to check out a textbook for the night, he/she may do so by signing it out with me. Please remember that the textbooks are the property of Cooper High School, and should be treated with the same respect as all RCHS property.

**Field Trips:**

We will hopefully be going on at least one field trip this school year, as I believe the best way to learn a language is to get out in the ‘real world’ and experience it in some other way, shape or form. Due to funding, students may be asked to contribute to the costs. This will be discussed at a later date. Please note the section in the student handbook regarding field trips and RCHS. Students are responsible for ALL WORK missed in other periods and for meeting with all other teachers prior to the field trip.

**Semester Projects:**

There will be two on-going projects for the school year. At the end of the first semester, each student will complete a project aligned with the KWLA World Language Festival guidelines. The second semester will culminate with the German Connection. These will be explained in greater detail in class.

**Delta Epsilon Phi and German Club:**

Students who meet the requirements (three semesters of German, German GPA of 3.6 and general GPA of 3.0) are eligible for admittance into the German Honors Society. All students of Cooper High School may (and are encouraged to) take part in German Club, which celebrates the German language and culture. For more information, please contact Frau Munsie.

**KWLA World Language Festival:**

The Kentucky World Language Association (KWLA) hosts a World Language Festival (WLF) each year at the regional and state level. This year, the Northern Kentucky WLF will be hosted at NKU in March. Qualifying students may compete at the State level in May at the University of Kentucky. We will discuss this more at the start of second semester. All students are encouraged to compete, and will receive extra credit for taking part in the wonderful program Kentucky has established.

**Absences:**

Please see me if you know of an absence, so that we may arrange for you to receive the work ahead of time. In the event of an unplanned absence, the student has the number of days he/she was absent to make up the work, i.e. if the student was absent two days; he/she has two days to turn in all the work for full credit. If absent, I will put missing work in the grade book as “missing.” When the student has completed the assignment, this will be changed.

**Discipline:**

Hopefully this will not be an issue; however, discipline rules are stated in the student handbook.

**Parents and students: Please sign and date the following page and return it by Monday, August 20th acknowledging that you have both read and understood this document.**

Danke schön!

Mit freundlichen Grüβen

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Frau Munsie

**I have read and understood the German I course syllabus for Randall K. Cooper High School. I understand that I / my child will be held responsible for the material discussed within this document. I am aware of the requirements of the course, as well as the resource of an online grade book (Infinite Campus).**

**Student**:

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Parent**:

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