

# *West Springfield High School 2025-2026*

## **German Course Expectations-World Languages Department**

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### **Expectations of COURSE:**

German 1	German 2	German 3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● German 1 serves as an introduction to standard vocabulary and grammar to produce basic communication.</li> <li>● Students at this level should be able to <u>recite</u>, <u>recombine</u> and <u>create</u> in German</li> <li>● <b>Novice</b> learners will be able to develop benchmark proficiency at the <b>novice high</b> level in speaking, writing and interpretation.</li> <li>● Students will create and present individual/pair projects, dialogs, and short essays in German to demonstrate proficiency</li> <li>● Students should expect to complete 15-30 minutes of homework per class period which may include but are not limited to: reading comprehension, vocabulary and grammar activities, projects, and writing assignments.</li> <li>● Students are required to take a Writing, Interactive Speaking, and Interpretive Proficiency Final Assessment</li> <li>● <b>Prerequisite: N/A</b></li> <li>● No GPA bump</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● German 2 serves primarily to expand vocabulary and communicative accuracy for <b>intermediate low</b> language learners.</li> <li>● Students at this level should be able to <u>recombine</u> and <u>create</u> in German with ease.</li> <li>● Students will be able to interpret, speak, and write at the benchmark proficiency of <b>intermediate low</b> level.</li> <li>● Students will create and present individual/pair projects, dialogs, and short essays in German to demonstrate proficiency.</li> <li>● Students should expect to complete up to 15-30 minutes of homework a day which may include but are not limited to: reading comprehension, vocabulary and grammar activities, projects, and writing assignments.</li> <li>● Students are required to sit for Writing, Interactive Speaking, and Interpretive Final Assessments</li> <li>● <b>Prerequisite: successful completion of German 1</b></li> <li>● No GPA bump</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● German 3 serves to expand vocabulary and communicative accuracy for <b>intermediate mid</b> language learners.</li> <li>● Students at this level should be able to <u>create</u> and <u>provide relevant details</u> in German on a broad range of topics.</li> <li>● Students will be able to interpret, speak, and write at the benchmark proficiency of <b>intermediate mid</b> level.</li> <li>● Students will create and present individual/pair projects, dialogs, and essays in German to demonstrate proficiency</li> <li>● Students should expect to complete 15-30 minutes of homework per class period which may include but are not limited to: reading comprehension, vocabulary and grammar activities, projects, and extended writing assignments.</li> <li>● Students are required to take a Writing, Interactive Speaking, and Interpretive Proficiency Final Assessment</li> <li>● <b>Prerequisite: successful completion of German 2</b></li> <li>● No GPA bump</li> </ul>

German 4 Honors	German 5 Honors	German AP
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● German 4 serves to expand vocabulary and communicative accuracy for <b>intermediate-high language learners</b></li> <li>● <b>Students at this level should be able to create, narrate, and analyze a broad-range of topics in coherent German with ease</b></li> <li>● Students will be able to interpret, speak, and write <b>intermediate-high</b> communications and are encouraged to develop <b>advanced proficiency</b> in German.</li> <li>● Students will create and present timed individual/pair projects, dialogs, and essays in German to demonstrate proficiency</li> <li>● Students should expect to complete 30 minutes of homework per class period which may include but are not limited to: reading comprehension, vocabulary and grammar activities, projects, and extended writing assignments.</li> <li>● Students are required to take a final Writing and Interactive Speaking Assessment and to complete a final Project</li> <li>● <b>Prerequisite: successful completion of German 3</b></li> <li>● German 4 can serve as a preparation for the AP German course and exam but it is recommended to take German 5 first.</li> <li>● .5 GPA bump</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● German 5 serves to expand vocabulary and communicative accuracy for <b>advanced-low language learners</b></li> <li>● <b>Students at this level should be able to create, narrate, and analyze a broad-range of topics in coherent German with ease</b></li> <li>● Students will be able to interpret, speak, and write <b>advanced-low</b> communications to develop <b>advanced proficiency</b> in German.</li> <li>● Students will create and present timed individual/pair projects, dialogs, and essays in German to demonstrate proficiency.</li> <li>● Students should expect to complete 30 minutes of homework per class period which may include (but are not limited to): reading comprehension, vocabulary and grammar activities, projects, and extended writing assignments.</li> <li>● Students are required to take a final Writing and Interactive Speaking Assessment and to complete a final Project.</li> <li>● <b>Prerequisite: successful completion of German 4</b></li> <li>● German 5 can serve as a preparation for the AP German course and exam or is a good choice to take instead of AP-German</li> <li>● .5 GPA bump</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● AP German is equivalent to the fifth and sixth semesters of a college course in the German language at the <b>advanced level.</b></li> <li>● <b>This course is taught exclusively in German and students are expected to take the formal AP German Language and Culture exam at the end of the course.</b></li> <li>● Students will achieve a level of oral and written presentational communication that would be comprehensible to a non-sympathetic native listener/reader.</li> <li>● Students will expand their interpersonal written and oral communications skills through daily interactions and conversations</li> <li>● Students will understand the German of native speakers and writers in a variety of contexts and representing a variety of the German culture.</li> <li>● Students should expect to complete 60 minutes of homework per class period which may include but are not limited to: reading comprehension, essay writing, projects, and vocabulary-grammar practice.</li> <li>● <b>Prerequisite: successful completion of German 4 or German 5 (B or higher)</b></li> <li>● 1.0 GPA bump</li> </ul>

Questions regarding all German courses can be directed to the team lead or the department leader.