



RADNOR TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT
Course Overview



Course Name 8th grade German
Course # N/A

General Information

Credits: N/A
Weighted: N/A
Prerequisite: N/A

Length: Full year
Format: Every day
Grade: 8

Course Description

This course is a continuation of the 7th grade introductory course. In this class, students deepen their language and cultural proficiency at the novice learner level. They continue developing interpersonal, presentational and interpretative skills of the German language. They study the following topics throughout the year: schools in Germany and the US, school vocabulary, facts about Germany, weather expressions, countries and languages, foods and restaurants, clothes and department stores, parts of the house, Austria, chores and parts of the body.

By the end of this course students should be at the Novice Low to Novice Mid level of language performance.

Course Objectives:

How do I talk about school?
How do I describe the weather?
How do I name European countries and their languages?
How do I conduct a conversation in a restaurant?
How do I conduct a conversation in a department store?
How do I name the parts of a house?
How do I talk about household chores?
What do I call the parts of the body?

Common Assessments:

Name: **School Unit Test**

Students take a test which assesses their knowledge of school related vocabulary and concepts.

Name: **Restaurant Skit**

Students write, memorize and perform a conversation that takes place in a restaurant.

Name: **Department Store Unit Test**

Students take a test which assesses their knowledge of department store related vocabulary.

Name: **Final Exam**

As a culmination of their 7th and 8th grade German courses, students take the Final Exam which encompasses all the major language concepts studied.

Major Units of Study:

Unit 4 School; Germany
Unit 5 Weather; Countries and Their Languages
Unit 6 Restaurant Conversation
Unit 7 Clothes; Department Store Conversation
Unit 8 House and Furniture; Austria
Unit 9 House Chores
Unit 10 Body Parts

Materials & Texts

Required Texts and Resources:

Deutsch Aktuell 1, Fifth Edition, 2004; student textbook, student workbook, DVD's, CD's, interactive online materials and teacher materials.

Teacher-created handouts for each vocabulary topic discussed (stored in filing cabinet in German classroom).
PowerPoint presentations created by teacher.
Songs and music (to be found on the internet).

Summer Assignment

N/A