

# German I Course Overview

Content Area: **World Language**  
Course(s): **GERMAN I**  
Time Period: **Full Year Course**  
Length: **180 Days**  
Status: **Published**

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### **EAST BRUNSWICK PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

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#### **World Languages**

##### **German 1**

Course Number: 3206

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## **Course Overview**

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This **German I** curriculum is designed to enable language learners to meet the Novice-Mid level of proficiency as defined by the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) and the New Jersey World Language Student Learning Standards. It is designed to move students along the proficiency continuum from Novice-Low to Novice-Mid. Teachers use the ACTFL rubrics for proficiency assessment. Students will demonstrate, through multiple forms of assessments, their ability to communicate in the target language within the novice range in the interpretive, interpersonal and presentational modes of communication.

The Standard of World Languages, which addresses communication, culture, connections, comparisons and communities, is integrated into instruction. Each thematic unit addresses all modes of communication set forth by the NJ State Student Learning Standards for World Languages. The course also reinforces and contributes to the development of other standards in the areas of Career Readiness, Life Literacies, and Key Skills, Computer Science and Design Thinking, Visual and Performing Arts, Language Arts Literacy, and Social Studies.

## **Modifications**

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### **Special education students**

- Additional time
- Modified assignments
- Tutoring assistance and note takers in class
- Individualized learning pace
- Taking a class under a pass/fail condition
- Permission to write dictated questions before composing responses
- Permitting examinations to be read orally, dictated, or typed; alternative test formats

### **English language learners**

- Use of home language on assessment instructions
- Use of relevant vocabulary and/or pictures
- Facilitate the use of student's target language through the use of language translator between teachers and students
- Heavy reliance on visual clues and body language

## **Students at risk of school failure**

- Verbal encouragements
- Reducing the number of questions in a task
- Allow students to use alternative ways of completing a task (in writing, orally, visually)
- Pairing with a gifted or talented student
- Reduce stress factor with one-on-one meetings and making accommodations according to individual needs
- Regular and timely check-ins and correspondence to elicit support from counselor and family

## **Gifted and talented students**

- Differentiated instruction
- Higher level contest
- Use of higher grammatical structures
- Pair with native speakers

## **Students with 504 plans**

- Personalized modifications
- Follow 504 plan guidelines
- Breaks between tasks
- Have contingency plans
- Use de-escalating strategies
- Chart progress and maintain data

## **Materials and Resources**

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### **German Magazines**

Bussi Bear

Dein Spiegel

### [U-M Germanic Languages Department](#)

- A wealth of really good information and resources, brought together by Hartmut Rastalsky of the German Dept

### [Goethe Institut](#)

- Goethe Institut has providing German language training since 1951

### [Deutsche Welle - Deutsch Lernen](#)

- Several free online courses for German. Includes a vocabulary builder, beginner and intermediate lessons, and a telenovela.

### [Scientific German](#)

- Science magazines, tv, and miscellaneous cool websites

### [German Language Resource Center](#)

- Free resource guide from Gale

### [German Wikipedia](#)

## **Content Specific Standards**

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### [NJSLS World Language](#)

**Novice Mid learners** understand and communicate at the word, phrase, and simple sentence level and can independently identify and recognize memorized words and phrases that bring meaning to text.

#### **INTERPRETIVE**

7.1.NM.IPRET.1: Identify familiar spoken and written words, phrases, and simple sentences contained in culturally authentic materials and other resources related to targeted themes.

7.1.NM.IPRET.2: Respond with actions and/or gestures to oral and written directions, commands, and requests that relate to familiar and practiced topics.

7.1.NM.IPRET.3: Identify familiar people, places, objects in daily life based on simple oral and written descriptions.

7.1.NM.IPRET.4: Report on the content of short messages that they hear, view, and read in predictable culturally authentic materials.

7.1.NM.IPRET.5: Demonstrate comprehension of brief oral and written messages found in short culturally authentic materials on global issues, including climate change.

#### **INTERPERSONAL**

7.1.NM.IPERS.1: Request and provide information by asking and answering simple, practiced questions, using memorized words and phrases.

7.1.NM.IPERS.2: Share basic needs on very familiar topics using words, phrases, and short memorized, formulaic sentences practiced in class.

7.1.NM.IPERS.3: Express one's own and react to others' basic preferences and/or feelings using memorized, words, phrases, and simple memorized sentences that are supported by gestures and visuals.

7.1.NM.IPERS.4: Give and follow simple oral and written directions, commands, and requests when participating in classroom and cultural activities.

7.1.NM.IPERS.5: Imitate gestures and intonation of the target culture(s) native speakers when greeting others, during leave-takings, and in daily interactions.

7.1.NM.IPERS.6: Exchange brief messages with others about climate in the target regions of the world and in one's own region using memorized and practiced words, phrases, and simple, formulaic sentences.

## **PRESENTATIONAL**

7.1.NM.PRSNT.1: Present basic personal information, interests, and activities using memorized words, phrases, and a few simple sentences on targeted themes.

7.1.NM.PRSNT.2: State basic needs on very familiar topics using words, phrases, and short memorized, formulaic sentences practiced in class.

7.1.NM.PRSNT.3: Imitate, recite, and/or dramatize simple poetry, rhymes, songs, and skits.

7.1.NM.PRSNT.4: Copy/write words, phrases, or simple guided texts on familiar topics.

7.1.NM.PRSNT.5: Present information from age- and level-appropriate, culturally authentic materials orally or in writing.

7.1.NM.PRSNT.6: Name and label tangible cultural products associated with climate change in the target language regions of the world.

## **Interdisciplinary Standards**

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### [Social Studies](#)

6.1.12.EconNE.16.a: Make evidenced-base inferences regarding the impact of technology on the global workforce and on entrepreneurship.

6.1.12.EconNE.16.b: Evaluate the economic, political, and social impact of new and emerging technologies on individuals and nations

6.1.12.HistoryUP.16.a: Analyze the impact of American culture on other world cultures and determine the impact of social media on the dissemination of American culture.

### [Visual and Performing Arts](#)

1.1.8.Pr4c: Perform planned and improvised movement sequences and dance combinations applying dynamic phrasing, energy, emotional intent, and characterization.

1.1.8.Cn11a: Research and analyze how dances from a variety of cultures, societies, historical periods, or communities reveal the ideas and perspectives of the people from whom the dances originate.

1.2.8.Cr1a: Generate a variety of ideas, goals and solutions for media artworks using creative processes such as sketching, brainstorming, improvising, and prototyping with increased proficiency, divergent thinking, and opportunity for student choice.

1.2.8.Cr2a: Organize and design artistic ideas for media arts productions.

1.2.8.Cr2b: Critique plans, prototypes and production processes considering purposeful and expressive intent.

1.2.8.Pr5c: Develop and demonstrate creativity and adaptability in standard and experimental ways, to

construct, achieve assigned purpose, and communicate intent in media artworks.

1.2.8.Re8a: Analyze the intent and meanings and context of a variety of media artworks, focusing on intentions, forms, and detect bias, opinion, and stereotypes.

1.2.8.Cn11a: Access, evaluate and use internal and external resources and context to inform the creation of media artworks (e.g., cultural and societal knowledge, research, exemplary works).

1.2.8.Cn11b: Explain and demonstrate how media artworks expand meaning and knowledge, and create cultural experiences (e.g., via local and global events considering fair use and copyright, ethics, media literacy).

## **Career Readiness, Life Literacies, and Key Skills**

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### [Career Readiness, Life Literacies, and Key Skills](#)

9.4.8.CI.1: Assess data gathered on varying perspectives on causes of climate change (e.g., cross cultural, gender-specific, generational), and determine how the data can best be used to design multiple potential solutions (e.g., RI.7.9, 6.SP.B.5, 7.1.NH.IPERS.6, 8.2.8.ETW.4).

9.4.8.CI.3: Examine challenges that may exist in the adoption of new ideas (e.g., 2.1.8.SSH, 6.1.8.CivicsPD.2).

9.4.8.CI.4: Explore the role of creativity and innovation in career pathways and industries.

9.4.8.CT.2: Develop multiple solutions to a problem and evaluate short- and long-term effects to determine the most plausible option (e.g., MS-ETS1-4, 6.1.8.CivicsDP.1).

9.4.8.DC.5: Manage digital identity and practice positive online behavior to avoid inappropriate forms of self-disclosure.

9.4.8.DC.7: Collaborate within a digital community to create a digital artifact using strategies such as crowdsourcing or digital surveys.

9.4.8.GCA.1: Model how to navigate cultural differences with sensitivity and respect (e.g., 1.5.8.C1a).

9.4.8.GCA.2: Demonstrate openness to diverse ideas and perspectives through active discussions to achieve a group goal.

9.4.8.IML.7: Use information from a variety of sources, contexts, disciplines, and cultures for a specific purpose (e.g., 1.2.8.C2a, 1.4.8.CR2a, 2.1.8.CHSS/IV.8.AI.1, W.5.8, 6.1.8.GeoSV.3.a, 6.1.8.CivicsDP.4.b, 7.1.NH. IPRET.8).

9.4.8.IML.8: Apply deliberate and thoughtful search strategies to access high-quality information on climate change (e.g., 1.1.8.C1b).

## **Computer Science and Design Thinking**

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### [Computer Science and Design Thinking](#)

8.1.8.CS.4: Systematically apply troubleshooting strategies to identify and resolve hardware and software problems in computing systems.

8.1.8.IC.1: Compare the trade-offs associated with computing technologies that affect individual's everyday activities and career options.

8.1.8.IC.2: Describe issues of bias and accessibility in the design of existing technologies.

8.1.8.DA.1: Organize and transform data collected using computational tools to make it usable for a specific purpose.

8.1.8.AP.6: Refine a solution that meets users' needs by incorporating feedback from team members and



users.

## Pacing Guide

UNIT ONE				
Theme	Title	Topics	Pacing Guide	Summative Assessments
Personal and Public Identities	Welcome to Our World	Greetings/leave-taking  Survival phrases  Alphabet and numbers  Calendar  Weather	Marking Period One	Interpretive, interpersonal and presentational tasks are administered throughout the marking period.
UNIT TWO				
Theme	Title	Topics	Pacing Guide	Summative Assessments
Family and Community	All About Me!	Countries and nationalities  Physical and personality descriptions  Family and friends	Marking Period Two	Interpretive, interpersonal and presentational tasks are administered throughout the marking period.
UNIT THREE				
Theme	Title	Topics	Pacing Guide	Summative Assessments
Contemporary Life	School Days!	Time  Schools Subjects  Preferences, likes and dislikes	Marking Period Three	Interpretive, interpersonal and presentational tasks are administered throughout the marking period.
UNIT FOUR				
Theme	Title	Topics	Pacing Guide	Summative Assessments

Science and Technology	Food Glorious Food!	Mealtimes Basic foods Ordering Paying and tipping Target culture currencies	Marking Period Four	Interpretive, interpersonal and presentational tasks are administered throughout the marking period.
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## Formative and Summative Assessment

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### FORMATIVE ASSESSMENTS

Marzano Scale  
 Thumbs Up, Thumbs Down  
 Mini whiteboards  
 Google Voice Calls  
 Ticket out the Door/Exit Tickets  
 Digital Exit Checks (Poll Everywhere, Socrative, Google Forms)  
 Four Corners  
 Sequence Cards  
 Snowball Fight  
 Window Panes  
 Planned speaking assessments  
 Postcard  
 List Three Things  
 Venn Diagram  
 Hand In, Pass Out  
 Write It Down  
 Think Pair Share  
 Think Write Pair Share  
 Doodle It  
 Two Roses and a Thorn  
 Twitter Voting  
 Backchannel/Todaysmeet  
 Digital Cork Board: Padlet  
 Jigsaw Groups  
 Answer the Essential Question (Verbally or Written)  
 Make Predictions  
 Self-Assessment  
 Web/Concept Map  
 ePortfolio Check  
 Journal Entry  
 Inside-Outside Circle  
 One Sentence Summary  
 Sentence Frames

Talk a Mile a Minute  
Tic-Tac-Toe/Think-Tac-Toe  
3-2-1: 3 things you found out, 2 interesting things, 1 question you still have  
Numbered Heads Together  
Gallery Walk  
Just Like Me (Stand up if you....)  
Stand up, Hand up, Pair up

## **SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENTS**

Each marking period has one summative assessment. Each summative assessment includes all three modes of communication that measure the students linguistic and cultural proficiency according to the NJSLs.

Interpretive Task  
Interpersonal Task  
Presentational Writing/Speaking Task

## **BENCHMARK ASSESSMENTS**

Midterm and Final Exams

These benchmark assessments provide students' linguistic and cultural proficiency level in each of the three modes of communication.

ePortfolios

Students upload evidence of linguistic and cultural proficiency, use Can Do Statements to identify proficiency in each of the modes of communication, and set goals about moving to increased proficiency.

## **ALTERNATIVE ASSESSMENTS**

Multiple choice questions  
True/False questions during Interpretive tasks instead of exact fact recall  
Main idea identification for Interpretive reading/listening task  
Essay writing instead of interpersonal oral tasks  
Narrations for comprehension check  
Oral dictations

Recorded Presentational tasks that can be done from home/after school then viewed at a later date

## **Grading Procedures and Evaluation**

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### **GRADING GUIDELINES**

In accordance with Board policy, grades are assigned each quarter. A final grade is determined and transcribed for courses at grades 6 – 12. In terms of proficiency the East Brunswick grades are as follows:

<b>A</b>	<b>Excellent</b>	<b>Advanced Proficient</b>
<b>B</b>	<b>Good</b>	<b>Above Average Proficient</b>
<b>C</b>	<b>Fair</b>	<b>Proficient</b>
<b>D</b>	<b>Poor</b>	<b>Minimally Proficient</b>
<b>F</b>	<b>Failing</b>	<b>Partially Proficient</b>

Grades will be determined by a variety of assessment strategies. In addition to interpretive, interpersonal and presentational performance assessments, students will be evaluated on cooperative group participation, note-taking, open-ended question responses, interpersonal conversations, ePortfolios and/or supplemental projects.

### **Grading Weights for Quarter Grades**

40% Interpersonal Speaking, Presentational Speaking

40% Interpretive Reading/Listening, Presentational Writing

20% Formative Assessments

Final grades are weighted as follows:

Each quarter is 20% of the final grade. The midterm is 10% of the final grade, and the final exam is 10 % of the final grade.

Midterm exam grades are averaged into the second marking period and final exam grades are averaged into

the fourth marking period. The final grade for the course is the average of the four marking period grades.

## **COURSE EVALUATION**

Course achievement will be evaluated annually. In this course the goal is that a minimum of 95% of the pupils will meet at least the minimum proficiency level (D or better) set for the course. The department will analyze the achievement of students on unit assessments and final course grades and for final course grades the achievement of sub-groups identified by the state to determine if modifications in the curriculum and instructional methods are needed.

## **Other Information**

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### **GERMAN 1**

#### **SCED Number**

24252

#### **Grade Levels**

6

#### **Schools**

HMS

#### **School Course Codes**

HMS - 3206

#### **NCES Level/Rigor**

General Education

#### **Prerequisites**

None

**Status**  
Required

**Credits**  
5.00

**Minutes Per Week**  
210

**Course Duration**  
Full Year

**Initial Course Adopted**  
04/30/90

**PRIMARY CONTENT AREA AND SECONDARY AREAS OF FOCUS**

<b>NJ Student Learning Standards</b>	<b>NJ Student Learning Standards</b>	<b>NJ Student Learning Standards</b>	
Career Readiness, Life Literacies and Key Skills	SMathematics	Computer Science and Design Thinking	S
Comprehensive Health and Physical Education	Science	Visual and Performing Arts	S
Language Arts Literacy	SSocial Studies	SWorld Languages	P