



German IV Instruction in the West Shore School District

German instruction in the West Shore School District is aligned to the PA Standards Aligned System and National Standards, and identified best practices. We utilize a variety of strategies and differentiate our instruction to meet the needs of all learners. Technology and 21st Century Skills are thoughtfully woven into our lessons and units of instruction. This document is meant to offer an overview of important concepts within German.

Best Practices in German IV:

- Variety of instruction incorporated for recognition of different learning styles: visual, aural, or kinesthetic learning styles
- Instruction in grammar concepts necessary
- Use of the target language as much as possible commensurate with level Recognize different levels of proficiency within a given class
- Positive feedback

Skills and Concepts:

- Train travel plans, coordinating & subordinating conjunctions common places of interest, conversational & narrative past tenses
- Family members & neighbors, relative pronouns, subjunctive II polite requests & wishes
- Leisure time activities, imperative mood, verb preposition combinations, relative pronouns after prepositions, if-then clauses
- Describe a trip in Austria, comparisons of adjectives & adverbs, past tense, Germanic prepositional-pronoun compounds (da-compounds)
- Describe past experiences, present perfect tense, double infinitives, modal verbs in narrative past tense, modal verbs in present subjunctive II and past subjunctive II
- Family dynamics, commuting using public transportation, Germanic prepositional pronoun interrogatives (wo-compounds), passive voice, modals in passive voice, infinitive clauses
- Health & nutrition, dealing with stress, passive voice narrative past, was & wo as relative pronouns

Standards:

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Assessments:

WSSD utilizes a variety of assessments to monitor student growth and achievement. Our teachers engage in daily informal formative assessments to make timely decisions about whether a student understands the material and concepts being presented. We also utilize several summative assessments to determine if a student has mastered grade level skills and standards.

Materials and Resources:

WSSD utilizes a variety of resources to meet all learners' needs. Textbook: [Deutsch Aktuell 3](#), ancillary video and listening activities