

# Foreign Language Department, German



## Frequently Asked Questions:

### WalkAways in German Classes

#### **How many WalkAways can my student expect each term?**

2-3; some will be oral, others are written

#### **How can I help my son/daughter prepare at home for their WalkAways?**

Encourage him/her to review notes and vocabulary EVERY SINGLE DAY for 10-30 minutes (that includes A-days, weekends, and holidays). Ask him/her to share with you the German learned and used in class that day. Encourage him/her to use the language in the home and then share the translation.

Consistency is the key, so on busiest days, students can do quicker reviews, then do more in-depth study for up to 30 minutes on the other days. Working on written and spoken homework assignments COUNTS as review.

#### **How does the teacher prepare students for WalkAways?**

We will practice the required tasks frequently in class. Effort is highly rewarded to encourage students to make the effort and to risk making a mistake. Language can rarely be learned in silence, and students gain confidence only through trying.

### Advisory in German Classes

#### **What will advisory “look like” in Frau Schwab’s room?**

For the most part, students will choose a desk, get out their notes and review quickly, then in their turn come get the test. When the test is oral, students may need to bring a partner (if it’s a conversation assessment), and review until it’s their turn to come “perform” it for me.

#### **How can I ensure my son/daughter takes advantage of advisory time?**

Watch the grades on Power School and offer reinforcement when progress is made (some students who don’t pass right away might also need encouragement to keep trying).

### Using PowerSchool in German Classes

#### **How can I use PowerSchool to help my son/daughter succeed in German?**

Information to look for:

- Assignments in blue have more information included – when possible, it instructs absent students how to make up the assignment on their own
- Students are always welcome to come get more help before and after school.
- Assignments include actual due dates; Walk Aways show date first offered in class

### Curriculum in German Classes

#### **What is my son/daughter studying in German?**

The vocabulary and sentence structure needed for basic German conversations, especially to answer questions about themselves – including introducing self, describing self, things done at home and at school, other interests and hobbies, family members, favorites; as well as how to ask those questions of others.