

*Mount Vernon High School
Home of the Majors*

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Admin and Counselors

(Shift to the Alpha Model)

Admin <i>Administrador</i>	Alpha <i>Asignación por Apellido</i>
Karen Boyd	A-Der
John Shaffer	Des-Lay
Lashonda Reed	Laz-Ram
Gina Brooks	Ran-Z
Adrian Williams	CSS & STEP

New Alpha <i>Nueva Alfa</i>	School Counselor <i>Consejero/a Escolar</i>
A-B	Bryce Green
C - Ev	Niasharee Frater
Ew-Hop	Ericka Jeter
Hoq-Mc	Mary McAlevy
Md-Pie	Camille Moore
Pif-Sli	Melissa Mentzel
Slj-Z	Paul Guillion
CSS & STEP	Karen Mazzocoli
ESOL Level 1 and 2	Catherine Samper

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P.R.I.D.E.	IB Learner Profile	WITHIN OUR SCHOOL
Preparation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Communicators ● Inquirers ● Knowledgeable ● Reflective ● Thinkers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Majors walk with a purpose and; with the goal of arriving to class on-time. ● Majors aim to ● Majors are available to engage in all aspects of the learning process. ● Majors advocate appropriately when they need assistance (academic, behavior, social/emotional). ● Majors communicate with teachers and plan in advance for when they are not in class and to follow up on lessons missed.
Respect	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Balanced ● Caring ● Communicators ● Principled ● Reflective 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Majors use appropriate tone of voice, word choice/language and body language. ● Majors are mindful of their environments and conversations. ● Majors respect the boundaries and personal space of others. ● Majors greet each other and return greetings to others. ● Majors follow the expectations set forth by teachers in their classrooms & the SR&R.
Integrity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Balanced ● Communicators ● Open mindedness ● Principled 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Majors are truthful and courageous enough to communicate with staff/peers. ● Majors are responsible and accountable for their actions and success. ● Majors are mindful of others and respect diverse perspectives. ● Majors are aware of their behaviors and how their behaviors can impact others.
Determination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Communicators ● Inquirers ● Knowledgeable ● Risk-Takers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Majors are committed and present in the moment. ● Majors follow through with assigned tasks. ● Majors complete tasks to the best of their abilities. ● Majors persevere through difficult situations, tasks, conflicts and roadblocks and promptly communicate with teachers/staff for assistance.
Excellence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Balanced ● Inquirers ● Communicators ● Knowledgeable ● Reflective ● Risk-Takers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Majors show maximum effort in all that they do. ● Majors strive to create balance between school and home and minimize distractions. ● Majors self-reflect as they grow and develop into life-long learners. ● Majors are able to self-regulate their actions in order to accomplish goals. ● Majors are team players and are always willing to lend a hand.



Herr Schwartz - German 1, 2, 3/IB I, and IB Theories of Knowledge



Fifth year teaching in FCPS, fourth at MVHS. Taught adults part-time for seven years at the German Language School in Potomac, MD. Previously worked with the U.S. Dept. of State in the area of Public Diplomacy for 18 years. Master's in Education from Regent University and a Master's in International Affairs from the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies.

Hobbies include alpine skiing, traveling, bike-riding, and reading.

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Curriculum Overview: German

German 1, 2, and 3 based on the FCPS Modern Languages POS Pilot - designed around 5 themes per level (as outlined in the course syllabus)

IB German 1 course centered around the 5 IB Themes: Identities, Experiences, Human Ingenuity, Social Organization, and Planet for All. IB German is a two-year course where students study each of the themes and complete coursework, quizzes, essays, and assessments in year one. Second year students will review the themes and practice for the IB oral and written German exams taken in the Spring.

All German students at all levels complete the Written, Speaking, and Interpretive PALS (Professional Assessment for Language Students) - once in the Fall for a baseline and again in the Spring to measure improvement. Scores are used for data purposes by FCPS.

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Curriculum Overview: TOK

IB Theories of Knowledge (TOK) students complete a year course divided into two semesters.

First Semester taken in the Spring of Junior Year - students explore the core theme of knowledge and the knower and study two optional themes, i.e. knowledge and language; knowledge and politics. The TOK Exhibition, an assessment completed at end of semester where students show how TOK manifests in the world around us.

Second Semester taken in the Fall of Senior Year - students study 5 areas of knowledge: history; human and natural sciences; math; and the arts. Complete the TOK Essay as their assessment which is a formal piece of writing in response to a title focusing on the areas of knowledge.

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Recommended Supplies for Class

- Notebook for both German and TOK;
- Students have the option of taking written notes or typing directly on the teacher's Peardecks displayed during each lesson.
- Peardecks can be reviewed and studied as a Google Slidedeck after each lesson.

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Procedures and Routines for the Classroom

Teacher has established classroom norms for all classes with his students and can be referred to in the resource folder in each class Schoology page.

New this year is the **no use cell phone policy during class**; however, teacher will allow students to utilize their cell phones if an activity enhances learning, i.e. use of gaming apps such as Kahoot!, Quizziz, and Quizlet.

It is expected that students participate actively in class discussions and projects, individual learning activities, and completing all classwork and homework assignments on time. Because homework is considered practice, it is only graded for completion. Students **should submit late homework assignments no more than one week!**

All course syllabi with complete grading policies and instructions for joining class Schoology pages were sent on August 25, 2022.

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Questions?

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