High School German

How to build and maintain your program
Curriculum

- Align the curriculum with ACTFL Standards and Benchmarks
- Offer levels 1 through 4 or 5/AP
- Keep in mind the State 2-year Foreign Language Requirement. Diversify instruction to include all levels of ability.
- Cross-curriculum activities
Classroom

- Surround the students with German
  - Use all four walls for posters, flags, signs, calendars, and student work
  - Use the doors and ceiling
- Display photos of club activities
- Display group photos of Club trips
- Keep the door open
  - Invite your administrators and/or Board Members
German Club

- Homecoming Parade
- Fußball with the French & Spanish Clubs
- Chocolate & Root Beer tasting
- “Kinoabend” in the auditorium
- Board and card games
- Caroling (Nursing Home, Mall, Town Square, etc.)
- Fieldtrips
- Fundraising activities
Connect with Europe

- Organized trips to Europe
- Exchange Programs (The Friendship Connection, GAPP)
  - Must be well-organized with the families, administrators and colleagues
- Congress-Bundestag Scholarship
- Germanic Exchange Students in the school
- Skype
- Youtube
Promote your Program

- Chocolate from Europe for your immediate supervisor on up
- Trip/club photos or DVD’s during Open House or Conferences
- Flyer about your program for students and parents
- Informational Packets for your counselors
- School Board Presentations
- “Kinderklasse”
- Take advantage of the local newspaper
Connect with the Community

- Volunteer students for presentations
- Invite guest speakers
- Encourage parents to share life histories/experiences
- Caroling or singing in public places
- Share what your students are doing with the local newspaper
Other

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