

## **Brookwood High School Earns DSD German Program Recognition**

**(December 2020)** After a lengthy and rigorous application process and a successful pilot test with three years of a 100% pass rate, Brookwood's Foreign Language Department earned approval from the Deutsches Sprachdiplom (DSD) Committee of Zentrale Ausschuss to become an official DSD school. Brookwood is the first school in Gwinnett County to be named a DSD school and the third in Georgia.

Students who pass the DSD1 exam can earn a bachelor's degree abroad in Germany at no cost upon completing a 6-12 week language course. Brookwood also earned approval for the DSD2 exam process. Therefore, students who pass the DSD1 exam are given the right to take the DSD2 exam six months later. If students successfully pass the DSD2 exam, they are granted direct passage into the German university system without the requirement to take a language course. Both of the exams are fully paid for by the German Government.

The 2021 exam will be administered in March 2021, which some of Brookwood's best level German 3 and AP German students will take. The exams are designed to test the language proficiency level ranging from A2 - B1 (DSD1) and from B2 - C1 (DSD2) of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages and test the listening comprehension, reading comprehension, writing skills, and oral communication of the candidate.

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