

Le français - Team 7R- 2018-2019
Classroom policies and course description
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Bonjour! Welcome to French class. In order to have the best year possible, I need to share with you my classroom policies. Basically, there are 5 keys to success in this class:

- 1. Respect yourself, teacher, and others, their property and their feelings.**
- 2. Use class time efficiently. DO YOUR BEST TO COMPLETE ALL WORK.**
- 3. Language will be appropriate and POSITIVE.**
- 4. Enter the room on time with all necessary materials.**
- 5. Start working on SMART- START immediately in assigned seat.**

ALL STUDENTS in this class are expected to accept responsibility for decisions and actions. Please have an FMS agenda every day. Lavatory breaks are to be taken BETWEEN classes NOT DURING. However, in an emergency, I may sign a pass, if the question is asked properly in French, and the agenda is filled out completely. ONLY FMS AGENDA PASSES WILL BE SIGNED. Asked for help if needed, and let me know if there are problems that are interfering with schoolwork.

If we have any misunderstandings, I prefer to solve the problem with you. However, if problems persist, I will contact your parent and/or the Assistant Principal to ensure that the teaching and the learning processes are not interrupted. Whatever I expect of you, I expect from myself as well. I'm looking forward to a wonderful year with you!!

Course description: In this course, you will learn basic conversation, listening, reading, and writing skills needed to go onto French at the high school. The skills covered in this class reflect the standards given for Checkpoint A in the New York State's Standards for World Languages.

New York State's main World Language standards are:
Learning the target language for...

- A. Communication and
- B. Cultural understanding

This year you will be learning how to communicate in regards to the following:

Unité 1 - Meeting people: Greetings, closings, "how are you"

- Introducing self
- Asking someone's name
- Talking about other people
- Introducing one's family
- Learning the alphabet and to count in French

Unité 2 -Describing basic facts and needs: Saying that you are hungry/thirsty

- Paying for a meal
- Talking about time
- Talking about dates
- Talking about the weather

Unité 3- Daily activities at home, school, on weekends: Saying what people do / do not do (present tense of verbs)
Saying what people like/ do not like to do
Saying what people want/do not want to do
Learning to name some places
Asking/answering questions / Inviting/accepting/turning down invitations

Unité 4 - Descriptions: Describing self and others with different adjectives
Describing your room
Describing possessions/everyday objects

Unité 5 - City life: Describing one's town
Giving/taking direction
Learning house vocab.
Saying where one is going
Saying what one is going to do (future tense)

Cultural area of study: Québec

Text: We will be using a **new** textbook Discovering French - level bleu. These textbooks are brand new, and are a classroom set only. They will be covered to keep them in the condition they're in right now, and will stay in the classroom. If you would like to borrow a textbook to take to a study hall or to review, you must sign it out with me. There is also the text online on my website which you can access from your computer at home. Each unit has flashcard reviews, and practice quizzes you can take to review as well. *Merci!*

Attendance: Regular attendance is extremely important learning any language. To be successful in this classroom (and in 7th grade in general), you must attend class regularly. It is difficult to catch up in a language course due to the amount speaking and listening we do each day in class. If you are absent, you are responsible for making an appointment with me in order to make up any missed work. If you are late for class, you must have a signed pass. Without a signed pass, you will be marked late. Missed tests must be made up during a study hall or during 13th period after school.

Class work: Class work includes many activities involving the text, worksheets, workbooks, cultural spotlights, and especially speaking and listening opportunities. Speaking opportunities include conversations, role-plays, and much more. Constant effort, a positive attitude, and courtesy shown to all who speak in class will help you to succeed in class work and in speaking French. Graded classwork is recorded with your HW assignments, and together they make up 20% of your grade.

Homework: Homework is extremely important when learning a foreign language. It is an opportunity to think in the target language **OUTSIDE** the 40 minutes we have together in French each day. Your assignments help you to **PRACTICE** what we've covered in class, and should be done at home. It is worth 20%, and is recorded in your FMS agenda.

Quizzes & Tests/Projects: Quizzes count for 30% and Tests/Projects count as 50% of your average each quarter.