

French 1 Syllabus - Madame Sigmon

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DESCRIPTION:

Bienvenue! Welcome to your first year of French! I am very happy that you have chosen this class. This year, you will learn to speak, comprehend, read, and write in French at a beginner level. In addition to learning the French language, we will also discuss current events, study grammar, practice pronunciation, and immerse ourselves in French culture. The course will be conducted in French as much as possible.

Semester 1 will be comprised of three units. Throughout Unit 1, we will learn greetings, the French alphabet, numbers 1-60, basic likes and dislikes, and colors. The second unit will be about family and adjectives and months of the year. Unit 3 will cover invitations, going to a café, and parties.

Semester 2 will also have three units as well as a mini Paris unit. Unit 4 will be about navigating one's way through a city. In Unit 5, we will learn school and technology vocabulary. In Unit 6, we will discuss nature, geography, and weather.

MATÉRIAUX (Materials):

- 3-ring binder
- Loose-leaf paper
- Divider tabs
- Composition notebook to be kept in French class
- Writing utensils

OBJECTIFS:

Upon completion of this course, you will be able to:

- engage in written and spoken conversations on a variety of topics.
- interpret written and spoken language on a variety of topics.
- present to an audience of listeners or readers on a variety of topics.
- examine, experience, and reflect on the practices, products, and perspectives of the cultures studied, using both English and French.
- use French to expand your knowledge of and make connections among multiple content areas.
- understand the nature of language and culture through comparisons of the languages and cultures studied.
- use your knowledge of the French language and cultures both within and beyond the school setting for personal enrichment and civic engagement.

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LES RÈGLES DE LA CLASSE (Class Rules):

1. Be **on time** and **prepared** for class to start. Once you have found your seat, start on the Bellwork task. When the bell rings, you must be in your assigned seat to not be counted tardy.
2. Be **respectful** of the person who is talking. If you would like to ask a question or participate in discussion, raise your hand to be called on.
3. Be **mindful** of the amount of time you spend on technology. *Do not open or use your laptops unless I have given you permission to do so.* Other electronic devices such as cell phones are prohibited. If this rule is broken, your device will go to "Tech Timeout" in the back of the classroom.
4. Be **courteous** to our custodial staff. Pick up your trash and recycle any unused paper. Food, drinks, and gum are not allowed in the classroom.
5. Be **creative**. *Google Translate is not allowed.* Only pre-approved online dictionaries may be used. Use the skills you have learned in class to create and communicate on your own.
6. Be **brave**. Communicate in French with your classmates and teacher as much as possible. The goal is to communicate in French 90% of the time.

ACADEMIC HONESTY:

Cheating, plagiarism, and academic dishonesty at AHS will not be tolerated. Doing so will result in disciplinary action as stated in your Student Handbook. Additionally, online translation tools such as Google Translate will also be considered cheating.

Students must cite every source and resource used for assignments. If there is inappropriate help from another person, use of online translation, or plagiarism (copying from a source without citation or copying someone else's work) the student will receive a zero and will NOT be able to make up the grade. Only approved online dictionaries should be used. No online tools should be used in class unless directed by the teacher.

As first year language students, **it is okay for you to make mistakes**. I expect and encourage it. Do not get discouraged. Keep trying, because making mistakes is the best way to effectively learn and improve!

LES NOTES (Grading Policy)

The following grading scale will be used:

93-100	A	73-76	C
90-92	A-	70-72	C-
87-89	B+	67-69	D+
83-86	B	63-66	D
80-82	B-	60-62	D-
77-79	C+	59 <	F



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Tests/Projects	30%	Activities	25%
Quizzes	30%	Final Exam	15%

LES DEVOIRS (Homework):

- Homework and other assignments - electronic or paper - prepared outside of class are due at the beginning of the class period. Points will be deducted for late work. Homework assignments will be posted in Schoology.
- If you are absent for a homework assignment, you have the number of days you were absent to make it up. Any work that was due on the day of your absence is due on the day that you return to class.

INTERROS et CONTRÔLES (Quizzes and Tests):

- Quizzes will typically be given weekly.
- Tests will be given every three weeks (week 3, week 6, and week 9 of each marking period) in addition to mid-term and final exams. All tests are cumulative.
- Tests and quizzes must be taken on the day they are scheduled, unless you have made different arrangements BEFORE the test date. If you are absent for a test or quiz, you will have **3 school days** to make it up for full credit. After this point, you will receive a 0.

PROJETS (Projects):

At least one major project each marking period will be counted as a test grade. Each project will include at a minimum the use of written and spoken French.

AU SECOURS! (Help):

If you are struggling, please don't hesitate to let me know. I want this class to be a positive learning experience for you. Should you wish to contact me with concerns or questions, I can be reached at AHS during the school day. I will make every effort to reply to e-mail within 24 hours.

I have read and understand all of the information on these pages. I agree to abide by guidelines in this document and to keep the syllabus in the front of my binder.

Autographe de l'élève (student signature) & Date

Autographe du parent (parent/guardian signature) & Date

