

# French I

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**Bienvenue!** I am very excited to be teaching you French this year. I hope that this experience will be an enjoyable one and that you have a fun semester. Because foreign language requires much effort from both the teacher and student, it is important to follow the expectations and procedures outlined below.

Foreign Language at Dorman High School is taught for college preparation. Hence, our curriculum is designed to meet the SC Standards and taught with rigor. One of the SC diploma requirements is a unit of foreign language or a vocational class. Most colleges require two units of the same foreign language. Clemson University and the College of Charleston require three units.

## I. Materials

- a. Students will be required to keep a notebook. The notebook should include 4 sections. Section A: Vocab; Section B: Notes/handouts; Section C: Classwork/Activities; Section D: Homework. Notebooks will be checked at random for completed assignments, handouts, and notes. Notebook checks are weighted as a 20 point classwork assignment.
- b. Pen or Pencil
- c. French/English dictionaries are provided for the classroom. It is highly recommended that the students have their own French/English dictionary for assignments at home. THIS IS NOT A REQUIREMENT.
- d. French textbook

## II. Classroom procedures/policies

- a. **CELL PHONES and other electronic devices** are not allowed in class.
- b. Use the bathroom, sharpen pencils, and find out about missed work at the beginning or end of class. You need to sign in and out of the bathroom log.
- c. **You are responsible** to go to the teacher before or after class to get missed assignments or handouts due absences. Ask a classmate for any missed notes. **Make-up work will be due two days** after returning to class unless the teacher and student have made other arrangements.
- d. Homework is to be completed **before** you enter the classroom.
- e. There are no extra assignments to make up for work you choose not to do. So, **do the work!**
- f. Do not work on other assignments while in French Class. Success cannot be achieved if your attention and efforts are directed elsewhere. *This includes sleeping/ putting your head down on your desk.*
- g. No candy, food or beverages allowed in the classroom.
- h. Do not pack up your belongings until given permission to do so by the teacher.
- i. Do not leave your textbook in the classroom.
- j. Assignments that students have failed to complete will remain a zero in the grade book until the student turns in the assignment.

## III. Flashcards/Stickers

- a. Students have the opportunity to earn two extra credit points on each quiz. They can do this by making flashcards for the vocabulary that will be on the quiz.

- b. Students earn two stickers for doing flashcards for the vocabulary.
- c. Students can also earn stickers for participation at different times during the period.
- d. Every set of ten stickers can be turned in at the end of each week for small prizes.

#### IV. Tardy Policy

- a. Students are expected to be seated by the time the bell rings. Anyone entering the classroom after the tardy bell without a pass is considered late. All lates after the first two are a referral. **Don't be late!**
  - i. Tardies of more than 5 minutes - 1<sup>st</sup> offense- student notified, 2<sup>nd</sup> offense- referral
  - ii. Tardies of less than 5 minutes – 1<sup>st</sup> offense- student notified, 2<sup>nd</sup> offense – student and parents notified, 3<sup>rd</sup> offense – referral
  - iii. 4<sup>th</sup> tardy and all subsequent tardies – written referral

#### V. Academic Dishonesty

- a. Cheating, copying, and the use of online translators will not be tolerated. Cheating on a test is an automatic zero. If you use an online translator or someone in a higher level of French to complete an assignment you will have the option of receiving a zero or coming in early to re-write the assignment in front of me. (the work is much better when it comes from yourself ☺ )

#### VI. Grading

- a. Tests – 30%
- b. Projects – 25%
  - i. Projects may be turned in early for 5 extra credit points
  - ii. Late projects are docked 5 points each day after the due date. After one week a project can be turned in for half credit, unless there were prior arrangements made by the teacher and student.
- c. Quizzes – 20%
- d. Participation -10%.
  - i. Students will have the opportunity earn points by being an active member of the class and completing class work.
- e. Homework and In-Class assignments - 15%.
  - i. Notebook checks are worth 20 points each and will occur randomly throughout the semester. Homework and in-class assignments will have different values depending on the assignment.
- f. End Exam – 10%
  - i. The exam is cumulative

***\*A final grade of a C or better is recommended to advance to the next level.***

#### Extra Assistance:

I will be available before and after school by appointment. Students are encouraged to come in if they have been absent or have questions about concepts. Skills build upon one another in a foreign language, and problems are best avoided when students are proactive.

Please keep this sheet in your notebook at all times for reference. If you lose it, ask me for another copy. Please feel free to discuss any issue or concern with me regarding anything on this paper. I look forward to having a great year with you!

Merci!  
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