

French I Advanced : Course Information

Welcome to French Class!

First of all, I want you to forget anything you have ever heard about foreign languages being tough to learn. Sure, you may hit a few challenges along the way, but my job is to help you to succeed. I promise that if you do your part, you will do just fine. The nature of learning a language is building on what you know. Because of that, it is important to not get behind in the process of learning it. Please never hesitate to let me know if you need help! My goal is that you not only learn and do well, but that you enjoy learning, as well. Below, you will find information on grading, materials, and expectations. Please let me know if you have any questions.

I am looking forward to a fun, successful semester!

Jo Murphy

Materials: one 3 ring binder with dividers, notebook paper, and something to write with (Kleenex donations are also welcome!)

Grading: *Grades are weighted according to the test or assignment. Quizzes count once, tests count twice, and unit tests count three times. These grades comprise eighty percent of the final grade. Projects will be recorded as test grades. Ten percent of the final grade will be the final exam and ten percent will be a participation grade.*

Classroom Rules: *All DHS rules will be enforced according to the student handbook including rules on behavior and tardies. Also,*

- 1. Be on time and ready to begin when the bell rings.*
- 2. Be respectful of both teacher and classmates at all times.*
- 3. You are to work on FRENCH ONLY during class. You may work on homework only if permission is granted by the teacher.*
- 4. Have a good attitude at all times!*

If you choose to break a class rule:

1st time: warning

2nd time: note home to be signed by parent

3rd time: note home and 15 minutes after school detention

4th time: note home and 30 minutes after school detention

Discipline referrals will be issued at the teacher's discretion

Classroom Procedures:

- 1. All make up work must be completed within 5 school days after you return to school. It is YOUR responsibility to get your assignments and set up make up times if necessary. If you do not come when we have planned to make up work, you will receive a zero. Failure to make up other work results in a zero on the missed work. Any assignments due on the day you were absent are due the day you return to school unless your parent has notified me otherwise.*
- 2. Stay organized and keep all of your work. It will help you to keep all handouts, etc. organized for future reference.*
- 3. Listen and follow directions! Your success requires active participation.*
- 4. If you need extra help, YOU must ask before it is too late! Don't get behind!*

CONTACT INFORMATION:

If you or your parents need to reach me, please call me at school and leave a voice mail or e mail me at murphyjn@spart6.org. Since I have no planning period this semester, e mail would probably be the most effective way to communicate with me. Please be patient!

Expectations: See attached assignment descriptions.

Grade Reports will be sent home every 4-5 weeks. Students are expected to have these reports signed and returned to me the following day. Extra credit will be given for the return of the report. It is each student's responsibility to make sure all work is completed and turned in. Remember that when an assignment is not completed and turned in, it will be recorded as a zero. That can really hurt your grade!

Cheating policy: Students are expected to demonstrate academic integrity with all assignments and assessments. For this reason, students should make a conscious effort to face forward clear everything from desks, and keep eyes on their own work. Any form of cheating will result in a zero and a students will not be allowed to retake the assessment.

The use of online translation sites while completing assignments outside of the classroom is acceptable only for looking up words or simple expressions (NOT complete sentences) when a French-English dictionary is not available. If, after reading the assignment, it is apparent that a student has relied too heavily on a translation site, 10 points will be deducted from the grade, and the student will be required to redo the assignment in B-210 before school at a time designated by the teacher. Failure to redo the assignment will result in a zero.

Character is what you do when no one is watching.....

I am looking forward to a great semester together! Remember, I WANT YOU TO SUCCEED and to DO WELL! We can learn a lot and have fun if we all work together.
Thanks so much-
Jo Murphy

DO NOT CUT. This will be the first page of your notebook.

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I have read and understand the information included in this syllabus.

Parent signature _____

Student signature _____

Please sign and return. Do not cut this portion off, please.