

## Français 2

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### Monsieur HEDGE

**Bienvenue !** As you probably discovered in French 1, learning a new language is very exciting and can be very fun, but it also requires a lot of hard work and dedication. You have already learned many basic concepts, and this year you will learn more tenses and vocabulary, and use the French you've learned in more complex structures. Learning French is like painting a picture or playing a musical instrument or sport; it takes daily practice to be good at it. In French 2 daily practice is essential because the material and concepts will be more difficult than they were in French 1. This information sheet will outline the goals and expectations for this year, explain how you will be evaluated, and offer some tips on being a successful language learner. **BON COURAGE !**



**Text:** Discovering French, blanc, and accompanying *cahier de travaux pratiques* (CTP)

#### Goals :

- Level appropriate ability to COMMUNICATE in French and development of the four basic skills: speaking, writing, listening, and reading.
- Mastery of basic grammatical structures and vocabulary.
- Intermediate knowledge of Francophone culture.

#### General requirements for students:

- Be prepared for class every day with your text, paper, pencil/pen, and any other assignments/materials requested. Detentions are issued if you don't have a writing utensil, paper, or book.
- **Actively** participate every day. Use French when possible.
- Be willing to take risks and understand that you will make mistakes in French...it's part of learning a language.
- Take ownership of your learning and strive to consistently produce high-quality work.

#### Classroom behavioral expectations:

- Be respectful of other students, the teacher, and yourself.
- Be in your seat ready to work when the bell rings...You are responsible for being ready to work even if I am not. Raise your hand to participate.
- No food, drink (except water), or gum during class.
- Work for other classes is not to be done during French class.\*\*
- NO electronic devices of any kind are permitted during class.\*

**Assessment:** A point system will be used to determine grades. Points vary greatly depending on the specific assignment, but the following generally apply:

- Tests/projects 50-100 points
- Quizzes 20-50 points
- Quizlettes 5-10 points
- Daily work 5-25 points
- Homework 5-10 points
- Monday quizzes 10 points

**Tests:** There will be a test given after the completion of unit. Each of these tests will evaluate your speaking, listening, reading, and writing skills. Remember, that although these tests will specifically focus on one unit, previously learned material will be essential and will also be evaluated.

**Quizzes:** You can expect many small announced (and unannounced—quizlettes) quizzes throughout the year. Quizzes are meant to help you gauge your mastery of specific elements **before** a test.

**Citoyen(ne) de la semaine/*Citizen of the week*:** Each week one student will be responsible for doing the class warm-up. They will inform us of the day and date, give a weather report, and review the weekly irregular verb.

**Monday Quizzes:** To keep your verb conjugating skills fresh, we will have a 10 point quiz first thing every Monday. The assigned verb will be reviewed the week-prior to the quizlette by the **citoyen(ne) de la semaine**.

**Daily Work:** We will do a variety of activities in class, the majority of which require your active participation. You cannot learn a language listening to someone lecture about it; the learner must be an active participant. Expect skits, in-class writing and reading activities, pair and group work, internet activities and more.

**Homework:** Homework is meant to help you practice at home so that you will be able to participate in the in-class activities. Although it is assigned regularly, it is only occasionally collected and graded.

**Participation:** Every student's active participation is essential to the overall success of the class. In order to maximize your participation points, say it in French **FIRST**, even if it's difficult for you. Be prepared, the class will be mostly conducted in French.

**Make-up Work:** In accordance with school policy, you will have a **maximum** of five days after an **excused** absence to make-up the work you missed. It is your responsibility to see me about what you missed and make an appointment to make it up. **Please note that if you make an appointment and fail to keep it, you will automatically receive a zero on the assignment.**

**Extra Credit:** There will be some opportunities for extra credit throughout the year. However, my policy is that only students who have completed all the assignments in the grading period are eligible for extra-credit work. Students who have a zero for any assignment (including homework) are not eligible to earn extra credit.

**EXTRA HELP:** If you ever need extra help, please let me know, I'm happy to help you. BUT, don't procrastinate...I can't adequately help you the morning of a quiz or a test! If you're having trouble, let me know right away.

\*a note about electronic devices: You will never need a calculator, cell phone, or MP3/iPod in French class. **PUT THEM AWAY BEFORE YOU COME IN THE ROOM. My policy is:**

1. **The first time I see it (or hear it)- detention**
2. **The second time I see it (or hear it)- it goes to Mr. Andersson and your parent/guardian will need to arrange to pick it up directly from him.**

**ALL CELL PHONES MUST BE LEFT WITH ME IF YOU LEAVE TO GO TO THE BATHROOM!!!!**

\*\*French class is not the time to try to finish your homework for other classes. In my eyes, doing Geometry when we're working on something in French is the about most disrespectful thing you can do in my class. My policy is:

1. I confiscate the work and hand it in to the appropriate teacher myself (at my convenience).

*In the unlikely event that you have free time at the end of a period, you are allowed to work on other things.*

A note about "running out before the bell"...

**If you come in and put your stuff down and leave you MUST be back in the room before the bell rings, unless you have permission from me. Having your possessions on your desk does not constitute your presence!**