

**FR 1**  
**07-08**  
**Monsieur HEDGE**



**Bienvenue !** Starting to learn a new language is very exciting and can be very fun, but it also requires a lot of hard work and dedication. It's like painting a picture, playing a musical instrument or a sport well; it takes daily practice and there's a lot of repetition. Remember that language learning is a "building block" process; each step along the way is dependent on previously learned material. Therefore, it is important to get a good start and master the basics as quickly as possible. 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, Bleu and accompanying *cahier de travaux pratique* (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.
- Introduction to 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 paper, a writing utensil, or your book.
- **Actively** participate every day.
- 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.
- You are permitted 3 passes out (for bathroom, drink, etc.) each 9 weeks. If you do not use all of them, you will receive 1 extra credit point per unused pass on the last quiz of the 9 week-period.

**Classroom behavioral expectations:**

- Be respectful of other students, the teacher, and yourself.
- Be ready to work when the bell rings.
- **No food, drink (except water), or gum during class.**
- **No electronic devices of any kind are permitted during class\***
- **Work for other classes is not to be done during French 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 5-20 points
- Daily work 5-25 points
- Homework 5-10 points
- Participation/preparation 10 points

**Unit Tests:** There will be a unit test given after the completion of each 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 quizzes throughout the year. Quizzes are meant to help you gauge your mastery of specific elements **before** a unit test.

**Quizlettes:** You should expect at least one of these unannounced quizzes each week, especially after we've learned a new verb or new vocabulary.

**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.

**Portfolio:** We will be creating a French portfolio which will continue with you throughout your career in French at GHHS. This portfolio will contain both written and spoken components. Throughout the year you will be selecting material to include in your portfolio. The goal of the portfolio is to demonstrate your development of skills in French throughout time. I will provide you with a folder for the written material.

**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. **Please note that if you make an appointment for make-up work and fail to keep it, you will automatically receive a zero on the assignment.**

**Participation:** Every student's active participation is essential to the overall success of the class. In order to maximize your participation points, say whatever you can in **French**, even if it's difficult for you. The way you learn a language is by practicing it and

using it to express yourself. I know you're a beginner and I expect you to make mistakes, you'll get more credit for saying it wrong in French than saying it perfectly in English!

**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 find yourself needing extra help, ask. I am happy to help you before or after school (or during lunch).

### **AMUSEZ-VOUS BIEN DANS LA CLASSE DE FRANÇAIS!**

\*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 parents will need to arrange to pick it up directly from him.

\*\*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.*

**SENIOR EXAMS:** Seniors who maintain an average of 92 for grading periods 1-4 will be exempt from taking the final exam. However, no senior will be exempt from the 4<sup>th</sup> grading period project.

**ONE LAST NOTE:** if you come in the room before the bell rings, set your stuff down and leave, you need to be back before the bell RINGS (unless you have permission from me). Having your possessions in the room does constitute your presence. I will mark you tardy.