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2013-2014 Course-Syllabus

Exploratory FRENCH

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Course Description: This course introduces students to the basic components of the French language as well as diverse aspects of the practices and perspectives of several countries where French is spoken. Year round students will receive a more in-depth instruction with increasing oral participation and advanced speaking and, writing assignments.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

- Use basic French greetings, farewells, and expressions of courtesy.
- Express likes and dislikes, emotions, and agreements.
- Ask questions, provide answers, and give simple descriptions on topics such as self, family, and school.
- Describe customs and traditions of the different French cultures such as greetings, celebrations, and courtesies.
- Demonstrate knowledge of geographical location and identify major cities, and geographical features of countries where French is spoken.
- Use sequenced information such as months, seasons, numbers, days of the week, and colors.

MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES

Students are required to bring the following materials to class:

- Pencil or pen
- Paper

TEXTBOOKS AND RESOURCE MATERIALS

- We will use "Bien Dit!" Level 1 A by Holt

- Students must rely on their notes because textbooks will remain in the classroom.
- Students who don't have a computer at home are encouraged to join a public library to take advantage of the online activities that come along with the textbook.

GRADING SCALE

90 – 100	A
80 – 89	B
79 – 70	C
Under 70	F

GRADING CRITERIA

Tests	30%
Class work	25%
Projects	20%
Quizzes	15%
Homework	10%

CLASSROOM PROCEDURE

- Students must bring all material to class daily including their agenda.
- Students must enter the classroom quietly and begin working on sponge activity immediately.
- Students will check their paper and place it in the bin that displays the grade level.
- Students who make a grade below 70 are encouraged to stay for tutorial.
- Students must not eat or drink in class unless authorized by teacher.
- The use of electronic devices is on a reward bases, and the device must always be silent.

HOMEWORK, CLASSWORK AND PROJECT POLICY

- All work must be turned in to insure a passing grade.

- Homework must be done daily in order to keep up with the program.
- Homework consists of reviewing all notes taken in class.
- Missed assignments can be done at home or during tutorial hours.
- Parents will be contacted as soon as a student makes a grade lower than a 70 on any assignment.
- Tutorial and detention hours are on Wednesday from 4:10pm to 5:00pm.

CLASSROOM RULES

- Be on time and prepared to work.
- Respect teacher and classmates by listening quietly when someone is talking.
- Stay in your seat unless you receive permission to move.
- Raise your hand, and wait quietly to be called on.
- Use appropriate language at all time. Treat other as you would like to be treated.

CONSEQUENCES

The following steps will be taken for students who choose to not comply with the rules and procedures of the school:

- Step 1: Verbal warning.
- Step 2: Teacher/Student conference
- Step 4: Call to parents
- Step 5: Detention (two opportunities)
- Step 5: Conference with parent.
- Step 6: Referral to administrative staff

PARENTS/STUDENTS/TEACHER CONTRACT

Dear Parent(s),

This is your child's homework assignment. Failure to return it in due time will result in a grade F.

Please, read the entire syllabus, sign below, and return this page to me. The other pages are for you to keep. I am looking forward to meeting you at the next PTA session.

If you could write your contact numbers at the bottom of this page, I would greatly appreciate it.

Your child's signature certifies that he (she) is aware of the classroom rules and procedures.

I _____, declare that I am familiar with the syllabus. I accept to abide by the classroom rules and procedures. I agree to follow the rules set by my teacher, and I accept the consequences if for any reason I choose to not follow them.

Student's signature: _____

PARENT(S): (Read this portion and sign below)

I _____, declare that I am familiar with the syllabus. I will cooperate with the teacher and encourage my student to abide by the classroom rules and procedures to promote a positive learning experience.

Parent's signature: _____

Telephone number(s): _____

