



French 1
Course Outline 2021-2022

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Course Description

This novice beginner course is an introduction to the study of the French language and its culture. The emphasis is placed on developing the foundation of the four language skills: (1) listening; (2) speaking; (3) reading and (4) writing. The context focuses on your own life and experiences and includes an exposure to everyday customs and lifestyles in francophone countries.

Expectation of Students

Students are expected to come ready to learn, contribute frequently, always give their best effort in class, and respect others. Be aware that, per Providence High School guidelines, cell phones and all other electronic devices must be turned off during class, unless a special arrangement has been made.

Participation

Participation includes completing homework every day and coming to class prepared with all materials. Students should ask questions and volunteer to answer questions in class and have a positive attitude. It is important that students attempt to use the language as much as possible within the confines of their limited vocabulary.

Required Materials

- pencils (all work will be done in pencil)
- 2 college rule composition books (NO spiral notebooks)
- 2 highlighters (two different colors)
- \$5.00 registration fee for National French Exam
- scissors
- glue stick
- 1 red pen
- earbuds with microphone

Classroom Donations

- box of tissues
- pack of pencils (not mechanical)

Course themes

- 1: "All about me!" – (Describing yourself; family; days; numbers)
- 2: "Where I Spend My Time" – (Your house; school; meals)
- 3: "Chillin'" – (Free time activities & hobbies; body parts; weather; invites)
- 4: "Getting Around" – (In the city; transportation; clothing; careers)

Recordings

Students will make voice recordings in class via websites with their Chromebooks as well as earbuds/headphones with microphones.

Homework & Classwork

It is **EXTREMELY** important to reinforce and practice concepts learned in class in order to retain language. Homework will be assigned nightly. Students are required to keep a composition notebook to take notes and insert handouts chronologically. Composition notebooks will be graded at the end of each quarter.

HOMEWORK SHOULD BE NEAT, CLEARLY LEGIBLE WITH APPROPRIATE SPELLING (including accents), PUNCTUATION and CAPITALIZATION.

Tutoring

Remote tutoring is available Tuesday afternoons from 2:20-3:00.

Grading

Grade Categories	Prepare 20% <i>Homework, warm-ups, exit tickets, smaller checks for understanding, etc.</i> Rehearse 30% <i>Quizzes, labs, mini-assessments, mini-projects, classwork, etc.</i> Performance 50% <i>Unit assessments, common assessments, performance tasks, writing assignments, projects with rubrics, labs, speeches, etc.</i>
Late Work Policy	5 points per day Late assignments will be accepted until one week (5 school days) after the “Perform” date for that goal / objective. Work submitted after this time will receive a grade of zero. Work will be given feedback.
Retest Policy	Performance assessments (not projects or writing assignments) can be retaken for up to an 80 after reteaching and / or extra practice. Must be taken within three weeks of the original test.
Absences	Students who are absent will need to make arrangements with their teacher to make up missed tests or assignments within 5 school days. Students who miss more than 10 days of class must complete Attendance Recovery or receive an F in class regardless of their academic grade.

Please note – extra credit assignments are not available. Students should focus on studying well and on organizational skills.

National French Exam Fee

The purpose of the exam is to encourage students to continue their study of French and recognize their achievement. All language students at PHS participate in national language exams.

\$5.00 - REQUIRED due within first 10 days of school. Online payments can be made at Providence High School [online payment system](#).

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