

Course Expectations for French I 3660

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This one-year course is designed to acquaint students with the basic skills of listening, speaking, reading, and writing French at an introductory level. The focus is communication in French incorporating understanding of Francophone cultures, connecting with other disciplines, comparing native language to French, and participating in multicultural communities. The course provides practice in correct use of basic vocabulary and language structures to enable students to function effectively within realistic settings. Instructional practices will incorporate integration of diversity awareness including appreciation of all cultures and their important contributions to our society. The appropriate use of technology is an integral part of this course. This course fulfills one elective credit required for high school graduation.

COURSE GOALS:

1. To participate in simple conversations in French, using correct pronunciation, to share feelings, emotions, opinions, and information. [NS: 1, 2, 3]
2. To comprehend simple oral and written communication on a variety of topics. [NS: 2]
3. To present information to an audience in French. [NS: 3]
4. To explore the relationships among the practices, products, and perspectives of the diverse Francophone cultures. [NS: 4, 5]
5. To connect knowledge of French with other disciplines. [NS: 6]
6. To recognize the distinctive viewpoints of other cultures. [NS: 4, 5, 7]
7. To compare the nature of the French language to native language. [NS: 8]
8. To relate Francophone cultures with individual ethnic backgrounds. [NS: 9]
9. To employ the French language both within and beyond the school setting. [NS: 10]
10. To develop an interest in continuing the study of the French language for personal enrichment. [NS: 11]

COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND GRADING PROCEDURES:

GRADING POLICY

The purpose of grades is to provide effective feedback to students, parents, and the school administration about a student's progress towards mastery of the established standards for a particular course or subject. As such, other factors such as attendance, effort and behavior will not be considered when calculating a student's grade. However, **excessive absences** (Seven unexcused absences during a semester) may result in a loss of credit in accordance with CCSD Regulation 5113. Extra credit will **not** be permitted unless the work is specifically designed to provide more evidence of a student's progress towards mastery of the established standards.

Teachers will provide students with unit overviews that outline the performance expectations for that unit. These outlines will be accompanied by rubrics that define the levels of proficiency students are expected to demonstrate. The goal is for students to become more involved in monitoring their level of proficiency and participating in Assessment for Learning in order to improve their performance.

Students will be graded on a 0-100 point scale, with the following grade equivalents:

Points	Equiv.	Grade	Description
90-100	=	A	Consistently exceeds standards
80-89	=	B	Consistently meets standards
70-79	=	C	Approaching standards
60-69	=	D	Emergent
0-59	=	F	Does not meet standards/Evidence not provided

In order to demonstrate sufficient evidence of proficiency, a student will be required to make arrangements with the teacher to make-up any assessments missed due to an absence. Failure to complete required assessments may result in a lower grade or a failing grade due to a lack of evidence.

Throughout the semester, students will be expected to complete formative and summative assessments. The Southwest Career and Technical Academy will be incorporating Project-Based Learning across the curriculum. The project-driven assessments will be implemented and assessed according to a standard rubric for all students, based on our beliefs in the attributes of Academic Knowledge, Character, Skills, Work Ethic, and Preparation. Further assessments include, but are not limited to, homework, class activities, participation, lab activities, class projects, quizzes, and exams. For this subject, assessments will be weighted as follows:

Type of Assessment	Assessment Weight
Content Knowledge	35%
Written Skills	15%
Presentation Skills	10%
Use of Resources	10%
Teamwork/Collaboration	10%
Work Ethic	20%

Project-Based Learning and the Six Tenets

The Southwest Career and Technical Academy is dedicated to assessing student learning and achievement through Project-Based Learning (PBL). The Southwest CTA uses six tenets, or beliefs, to assess student performance during each PBL assessment. These tenets will be the basis of grading during each PBL project. The six tenets are as follows:

- Content Knowledge
- Writing Skills
- Professional Presentations
- Use of Resources
- Teamwork and Collaboration
- Work Ethic

These tenets may also be used in the classroom setting at the teacher's discretion.

Content Area

Test/exams – given periodically to evaluate each unit, and will include reading, writing, listening, and speaking exercises. If a student receives a D or F on a test, he/she is encouraged to study the material again and come in for extra help. Any student, who misses a major exam or test due to absence, must arrange with the instructor on the day of his/her return to make-up the exam or test. The instructor has discretion in giving an equivalent exam.

Written and Presentation Skills and Use of Resources

Homework – is the written assignment portion of your grade. It incorporates all homework assignments. Homework will come in many forms. **Late homework assignments will not receive full credit. All problems must be attempted to receive any credit.**

Papers/projects – evaluate the quality of the student's product, as well as their written and spoken French in regards to any project or presentation. Assignments in this area will include oral quizzes, poster presentations, group presentations, etc. Late projects will be accepted, however will receive a one letter grade reduction per day late. **ANY USE OF AN ONLINE TRANSLATOR OF ANY KIND WILL NOT BE TOLERATED AND THE WRITTEN PART OF THE PROJECT WILL RECEIVE A ZERO.**

Teamwork/Collaboration

Class participation – may be earned by speaking in the target language or being on task during class work. Activities in this category include group work, in-class assignments, daily introduction, and oral activities. Points can also be deducted for being off task. Daily participation in class is essential to the second language experience. Students will receive points for oral participation in class. Classroom participation includes, but is not limited to, taking risks with the language, raising your hand in response to a question, actively attempting to apply concepts and vocabulary being learned into communication, providing outside points of information useful to the entire class, commitment to the language environment, etc.

Work Ethic.

All students will start out with 100 points that can be categorized under work ethic, teamwork/collaboration, or use of resources. How these will be categorized is at the sole discretion of the teacher. Notations will be made as to the type of deduction in Easy-Grade Pro. The penalty for lack of engagement, disruptive or off-task behaviors will be a deduction of 5 points per infraction. Per quarter, 5 pts can be made up by the following "pay-me" behaviors: 1 sincere handshake or one hand-made card in French. An additional 5 "pay-me" points can be made up by writing 100-word composition (comprehensible to me) in French. You may do this up to three times per quarter.

According to CCSD regulation 5121, "Semester exams shall be comprehensive of the material covered during the semester and may be worth up to, but not exceed, 20% of the student's final semester grade. Final semester grades shall reflect assignments and assessments completed throughout the semester and the final exam grade". Semester grades are not to account for more than 10% of the final grade. Semester grades will be calculated as follows:

Semester Grade Attribute		Percentage
Quarter 1 Grade	=	45%
Quarter 2 Grade	=	45 %
Semester Exam	=	10%
Semester Grade	=	100%

REQUIRED MATERIALS

Textbooks

The following text will be utilized in this course:

Bon voyage! Glencoe French Level 1

Student Supplies

Students are expected to have and maintain the following supplies all year:

- Writing paper
- Proper writing utensil
- 1 two-section notebook exclusively for French class
 - 1st half devoted to Daily Quotations kept in chronological order in the specified location.
 - 2nd half devoted to grammar notes.
- Refer to handout on the proper organization of your notebooks.

MAKEUP WORK POLICY

The following language is from CCSD Regulation 5113:

Teachers shall provide an opportunity for a student to make up missed work due to any absence, and students shall be held accountable for the work. When a student is absent, however, the educational experiences lost during that absence might be irretrievable because the instruction and interaction in the instructional setting cannot be duplicated through makeup work.

After any absence, a secondary student is required to initiate contact with the teacher(s) to obtain appropriate makeup work **within** three school days immediately following the absence. Once contact has been made with the teacher(s), specific makeup work must be completed and returned to the teacher(s) within a reasonable length of time, to be determined by the teacher and communicated to the student/parent or legal guardian. The makeup work must be returned to the teacher(s) by the specified due date if it is to be acknowledged. Students shall be allowed a minimum of three (3) days to complete makeup work.

LATE WORK POLICY

Late work that is considered practice (homework, classwork, etc.) will be accepted and graded for credit at the teacher's discretion.

1. Assignments are due at the beginning of the period on the due date.
2. Late work will not be accepted. Late projects will be accepted, however will receive a one letter grade deduction per day late.
3. If you are working on assignment at the time it is due, it is incomplete.

DISCIPLINE PROCEDURES AND CITIZENSHIP GRADING:

A. Classroom Discipline Plan

Conduct. There is a great deal of material to be covered, and it is important that each of you accept responsibility for completing assignments on time and taking part in class and group discussions. Equally important is your respect for each other. We have feelings. We each want positive experiences. Yet, in a learning process our responses are sometimes poorly worded. A learning environment composed of courtesy, responsibility, and mutual respect will attain positive results.

Dismissal. The teacher dismisses the class, not the bell. The five-minute warning bell does not signal the end of class and is not your cue to begin packing your materials to leave. I will set a timer for the last five minutes of class each day and will allow you time to pack.

The following steps in the Southwest Career and Technical Academy Progressive Discipline Plan will be followed when students do not follow established rules and behave inappropriately:

STEP ONE:	Teacher-Student Conference (Warning)
STEP TWO:	Parent Contact by Teacher (Phone or Letter)
STEP THREE:	Counselor Referral
STEP FOUR:	Dean's Referral

Some offenses are serious enough to warrant a referral to the Dean for the initial infraction (e.g.: physical violence, gross insubordination, truancy, etc.)

B. Tardy Policy

Timeliness Is Expected (T.I.E.) program promotes being on time as a basic skill for success that every person needs to possess. Through this program, it is our expectation that SWCTA students arrive on time to every class. Not only are students developing skills for success in high school but for the rest of their lives. Being on time before school may require special attention from the student's parent or guardian.

When a student is tardy during the 2010-2011 school year, the student will bring home a tardy slip. Any tardy during 1st block will result in a deans' detention to be served after school the following day. Detention will be served from 1:30-2:00 in a room designated by the dean's office. In addition to dean's detention, the third tardy in 1st block will also result in a Required Parent Conference, and a sixth tardy will result in one day of suspension. A day of suspension will be given for every tardy thereafter. Tardies received for any other periods of the day will require a parent or guardian to bring the student to school the next day and sign them in at the dean's office. Students who attempt to attend classes before being reinstated will be required to call home and get a parent to come sign them in or get permission to leave campus. Students not signed in will be placed on RPC (Required Parent Conference) pending a parent conference.

It is our goal that all students achieve to the best of their ability. By being on time to each class, students have a better opportunity to be successful. Parents or guardians may contact the Dean's Office at 799-5766 (X4500) in the event that there are questions regarding our Timeliness Is Expected program.

C. Cell Phone/Nuisance Item Policy

The Southwest Career and Technical Academy cell phone/nuisance item policy is in accordance with CCSD Regulation 5136 and the specific needs of the Southwest Career and Technical Academy.

FIRST OFFENSE:	Warning/Copy of Policy/Confiscation
SECOND OFFENSE:	RPC-B/Parent Pick-Up/Confiscation
THIRD OFFENSE:	RPC-T/Behavior Contract/Parent PickUp/ Confiscation
FOURTH OFFENSE:	1 Day Suspension/Parent Pick-Up/ Confiscation
FIFTH OFFENSE:	3 Day Suspension/Parent Pick-Up/ Confiscation
SIXTH OFFENSE:	5 Day Suspension/Parent Pick-Up/ Confiscation

C. Citizenship Policy

CATEGORY	Outstanding (4)	Satisfactory (3)	Needs Improvement (2)	Unsatisfactory (1)
Engagement	Consistently involved in class activities; contributes to overall learning process; collaborates with others and/or the teacher.	Engages in class activities, but may have to be encouraged; works with others or groups, but may not initiate collaboration.	Does not engage in class activities; rarely demonstrates initiative and may occasionally disengage from class.	Consistently uninvolved in class activities. Adamant refusal to work.
Preparation	Consistently prepared with materials; work is on time and may go beyond expectations.	Student has materials and submits work in a timely fashion and as expected.	Student may have had multiple instances of being unprepared, late work, or not completed as requested.	Consistently unprepared for class. Does not submit work on time or at all.
Behavior	Consistently respectful of both classmates and adults; Takes responsibility for individual actions; Consistently complies with school and classroom rules.	Respectful to both peers and adults. Occasionally accepts personal responsibility. Mostly complies with school and classroom rules.	Disruptive to others. Argumentative and defensive when disciplined. Disregard for school or class rules.	Consistent disrespect to classmates or adults. Regularly disruptive to learning process and violation of school or class rules. Plagiarism

Student citizenship grades are reported as follows:

- O** = **Outstanding**
- S** = **Satisfactory citizenship**
- N** = **Needs Improvement**
- U** = **Unsatisfactory citizenship**

CODE OF HONOR

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There is a clear expectation that all students will perform academic tasks with honor and integrity, with the support of parents, staff, faculty, administration, and the community. The learning process requires students to think, process, organize and create their own ideas. Throughout this process, students gain knowledge, self-respect, and ownership in the work that they do. These qualities provide a solid foundation for life skills, impacting people positively throughout their lives. Cheating and plagiarism violate the fundamental learning process and compromise personal integrity and one's honor. Students demonstrate academic honesty and integrity by not cheating, plagiarizing or using information unethically in any way.

What is cheating?

Cheating or academic dishonesty can take many forms, but always involves the improper taking of information from and/or giving of information to another student, individual, or other source. Examples of cheating can include, but are not limited to:

- ➡ Taking or copying answers on an examination or any other assignment from another student or other source
- ➡ Giving answers on an examination or any other assignment to another student
- ➡ Copying assignments that are turned in as original work*
- ➡ Collaborating on exams, assignments, papers, and/or projects without specific teacher permission
- ➡ Allowing others to do the research or writing for an assigned paper
- ➡ Using unauthorized electronic devices
- ➡ Falsifying data or lab results, including changing grades electronically

**This includes submitting the same assignment to two separate teachers without prior permission.*

What is plagiarism?

Plagiarism is a common form of cheating or academic dishonesty in the school setting. It is representing another person's works or ideas as your own without giving credit to the proper source and submitting it for any purpose. Examples of plagiarism can include, but are not limited to:

- ➡ Submitting someone else's work, such as published sources in part or whole, as your own without giving credit to the source
- ➡ Turning in purchased papers or papers from the Internet written by someone else

- Representing another person's artistic or scholarly works such as musical compositions, computer programs, photographs, drawings, or paintings as your own
- Helping others plagiarize by giving them your work

All stakeholders have a responsibility in maintaining academic honesty. Educators must provide the tools and teach the concepts that afford students the knowledge to understand the characteristics of cheating and plagiarism. Parents must support their students in making good decisions relative to completing coursework assignments and taking exams. Students must produce work that is theirs alone, recognizing the importance of thinking for themselves and learning independently, when that is the nature of the assignment. Adhering to the Code of Honor for the purposes of academic honesty promotes an essential skill that goes beyond the school environment. Honesty and integrity are useful and valuable traits impacting one's life.

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Questions or concerns regarding the consequences associated with a violation of the Code of Honor may be directed towards your child's school administration and/or the school district.

Monsieur Bélanger's Classroom Behavioral Expectations: The rules of SWCTA will be enforced in this classroom. DO NOT EXHIBIT BEHAVIOR THAT IN ANY WAY INTERFERES WITH INSTRUCTION OR THE LEARNING PROCESS.

Expectations:

- Maintain an academic environment at all times.
- Demonstrate courtesy and respect to all members of the class, including the instructor.
- Prohibited from classroom speech and writing are the following: profane, vulgar, lewd, or suggestive language.
- Be prepared each day with paper, pen, pencil, notebook, and textbook
- Give FULL attention when the teacher is instructing.
- Prohibited from classroom are: food, candy, gum, and beverages.
- Do not groom during class.
- Do not write and/or pass personal notes in class.

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Dear Families,

Please sign and detach this portion along the line above and have your child return it to the teacher listed below, so that you may keep this copy of the course expectations for future reference. Please contact Mr. Bélanger at 799-5766 x 218, if you have any questions regarding the information included in this document. I look forward to meeting you and becoming a partner in your child's educational experience at Southwest Career and Technical Academy.

Teacher

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

I HAVE READ THESE COURSE EXPECTATIONS AND UNDERSTAND THE EXPECTATIONS FOR MY CHILD THIS YEAR.

Parent/Guardian

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

I HAVE READ THESE COURSE EXPECTATIONS AND UNDERSTAND THE EXPECTATIONS FOR ME DURING THIS SCHOOL YEAR.

Student Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Please indicate your preference, sign and date this form below.

- I give*** my child permission to view "PG" rated films.
- I do not give*** my child permission to view "PG" rated films with the understanding that an alternative assignment will be given.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____