

Department: World Languages

Course Name: French I

Course Description:

During this year-long course, for 8th grade and above, students acquire basic vocabulary and grammatical structures. The focus in class will be on real life language use, the integration of culture and language through exploration of the francophone world, and the four skills of reading, listening, writing, and speaking.

Content :

Grammar

Irregular verbs: être, avoir, aller, faire, boire, venir, mettre, prendre, vouloir with imperative mood

Regular -er, -ir- and -re verbs

Regular -er verbs with stem change

Formation of two verbs together

Near future

Present and passé composé

Numbers

Negative statements

Interrogative

Liaisons

Alphabet and Accents

Telling time

Construction using infinitives, especially the near future tense

Tenses and moods: present indicative, imperative, and past tense of -er, -ir, and -re verbs

Prepositions and location

Adjectives : possessive, demonstrative 'ce', interrogative 'quel', irregular

Nouns and articles

Vocabulary

Greetings and salutations

Meal times in France / Food

School / Days of the week, months, seasons, weather

Time expressions

Objects in the home and classroom

Family, home, sports and leisure activities

The City

La Mode: Shopping

Selected idioms

Culture

Geography of francophone world with emphasis on the Caribbean and la France

Current events

Festivals in the francophone world

Selected poems

Current events

School life

Skills:

Learn proper pronunciation
Recognize syntactical patterns
Listen to recognize English derivatives and cognates in order to interpret information
Develop use of the technology in the classroom
Learn about French cuisine
Write dialogues, descriptions, and short essays describing characters in film and real life
Ask and answer questions about themselves and others around them
Practice proper pronunciation by memorizing new rhymes and songs
Compare schools in America and France
Explore different methods of note taking/ studying vocabulary
Describe people, activities, and objects from school
Respond to commands and follow instructions in French
Describe in simple terms themselves and their families
Infer meaning through recognition of English cognates and derivatives
Describe past events
Write descriptions and compare characters in literature and film

Text and Materials:

Blanco, José, ed. D'Accord! Langue et culture du monde francophone. Level 1. Boston: Vista Higher Learning, 2019 and Supersite.
Ancillary materials provided by teacher

Methods of Instruction:

Conversational exchange
Cooperative activities
Direct explanation (lecture)
Discussion of supplemental materials
Drill
Role playing
Review and revision of homework
Evaluation of films, literature, and online media in French
Rote memorization
Use of online activities through the textbook's Supersite
Use of online learning platforms such as Nearpod and OnCampus

Methods of Evaluation:

Homework
Oral presentation
Group and individual projects
Composition
Quizzes and tests
Teacher observation/ class participation
Prepare Oral/Written Presentational Tasks