

**Department:** World Languages

**Course Name:** French 1B

**Course Description:**

This year-long course is the second level of a two-year preparation. The focus in class is on real life language use, the integration of culture and language through an exploration of the francophone world, and the four skills of reading, listening, writing, and speaking. Students will acquire basic vocabulary and structures enabling them by the end of the school year to communicate at a high beginner level. They will also continue to gain knowledge and understanding of French traditions, history and culture.

**Content:**

Grammar

Regular and Irregular verbs

Types of vowels

Interrogative words

Numbers

Le passé composé

Demonstrative adjectives

Accents for meaning

Indirect object pronouns

“ti”, “sti”, “ssi” sounds

Direct object pronouns

“s” vs. “ss”

Adverbs

L'imparfait

Vocabulary

Places in town

Food

Free time

Weather

Parties

La mode

Vacation

Hotel

Home

Les taches ménagères

Culture

Young people

Le café

Le football

Les jardins publics

Les français et le vélo

Le carnaval

Les Alpes

**Skills:**

Practice proper pronunciation including sounds unique to French

Recognize and employ grammatical patterns

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  
Learn about French cuisine  
Write descriptions and compare characters in text and media sources  
Describe past events

**Text and Materials:**

Blanco, José. D'Accord! Langue et culture du monde francophone. Level 1. Boston: Vista Higher Learning, Inc., 2019.

Ancillary materials including instructional dvd for textbook, film, short video, and online resources

**Methods of Instruction:**

Conversational exchange  
Cooperative activities  
Direct explanation (lecture)  
Discussion of supplemental materials  
Drill  
Role playing in class and online in the lab with internet resources  
Review and Revision of homework  
Evaluation of films, literature, and online media in French

**Methods of Evaluation:**

Homework  
Dictation  
Oral presentation  
Group and individual projects  
Composition  
Quizzes  
Tests  
Teacher observation/class participation