Policies for French 1

Liberty Common High School

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**Vue d’ensemble:** This class begins the process of building a foundation of knowledge of French grammar and vocabulary. The course will follow the structure of *D’Accord!, Niveau 1*. Units will be organized to follow a chapter in the textbook.

**La Première Règle: All assignments which require a written response, whether homework, bellwork, ticket-out-the-door, exams, or any other assignment, must be completed using complete sentences in French, unless instructions specifically state otherwise.** The absence of a reminder of this rule in no way eliminates the rule regardless of how many previous reminders have been given.

**Examens:** There will be an exam at the end of each unit. It is expected that four weeks of class time will be devoted to each unit. To the extent possible, exams will be given on Tuesday of a block week. Thus, as a general rule, it can be expected that there will be an exam every-other block Tuesday. The exam will focus on the work covered in the chapter, but as learning a foreign language is on ongoing process, there will be questions that require knowledge of vocabulary and grammar from previous units. Unit exams will be worth 1000 points. There will be a cumulative final exam at the end of the semester which will be worth 2000 points. Students who are absent from an exam must arrange for a make-up.

**La Classe:** It is strongly recommended that each student have a binder or a section of a binder dedicated to this class. Although the work covered in class will be based on the textbooks mentioned above, there will be information introduced by the instructor which is not in the book. This information should be considered to be as important as that found in the text. Students should adopt a board = paper attitude towards this work as it is important for progress as a learner of French and as such could be used as the basis of questions on a test.

**Devoirs / Travail de cloche / Billet de sortie:** Homework (devoirs) will be assigned every class period, and will be turned in at the beginning of the following class period. Each period will begin with bellwork (travail de cloche) which will be done immediately upon entry each period, and will conclude with “ticket out the door” (billet de sortie) which will be done at the end of the period. The form with the completed, billet de sortie and travail de cloche (BT) will be handed in at the conclusion of each class period and will be returned at the start of the next. Each day’s HBT will be worth 50 points: 40 for each day’s homework and 5 each for the bellwork and ticket out the door. Weekly HBT points will be determined by the number of class periods when HBT work is assigned. There will be no HBT due on days when an exam is given.

The assigned HBT for each class period as well as the PowerPoint which formed the basis of the day’s lesson will be posted at www.MonsieurGerson.com. Students who miss class are expected to find out what was covered during their absence and what the bellwork, ticket out the door, and homework were for the day(s) missed by consulting the website, contacting M. Gerson, or contacting a classmate. ALL HBT ASSIGNMENTS MUST BE MADE UP FOLLOWING ABSENCE.

**Autres projets**: Other projects will be assigned during the semester and will have points assigned which reflect the effort which is required to successfully accomplish the work.

**Notes:** There is no weighting of grades with regard to the nature of the assignment. Ten points received as a result of taking an exam are the same as ten points obtained for homework or any other assignment. The final course grade will be determined by the percentage of points earned with regard to possible points. Conversion of numerical grades to letter grades will be in accordance with LCHS grading policy. Any missing assignments will be noted as missing in Power School. Students will be responsible for making up any missing assignments within the time frame specified by M. Gerson. A missing grade which is not made-up will become a zero at the end of the designated period.

**Laissez-passer de Justin:** Each student will be given five “laissez-passer” at the start of the semester. In order to take the pass from the Justin bowl and leave class during the period, it will be necessary to place a laissez-passer in the bowl. If you no longer have a laissez-passer, you may no longer leave class during the period. If there is a legitimate reason which makes it necessary to leave the room frequently, please speak to M. Gerson about obtaining extra permits.

**Points de participation:** Everyone will start the semester with 400 participation points. These points will be added to the student’s grade on the last day of the semester. Participation points will be lost as a result of conduct which shows lack of effort or which is not conducive to the orderly conduct of the class. Grounds for loss of points include, but are not limited to:

* Not handing in the homework and / or the BT form each day.
* Being disruptive during class, which includes but is not limited to, carrying on personal conversations which require the teacher to redirect attention.
* Not taking part in class activities which are assigned during the period. This will include not being prepared to answer questions during class sessions.
* Leaving the class without leaving a laissez-passer in exchange for the pass.

Students who have lost participation points will be informed of the loss and the reason for the loss.