

Course Description: We will be using the *Bien Dit!* textbook program level 1 French. By the end of the course, students will be familiar with the present tense and near future tense. Students will become comfortable with speaking and understanding French, as well as writing and reading in the language. Students will have a broad perspective of various francophone cultures (and hopefully a greater appreciation as well!)

Class rules

Rules are posted and will be strictly adhered to. School rules apply in the classroom and will be followed.

Reminder of classroom rules:

1. Be on time.
2. Follow the classroom procedures.
3. Pay attention (Chat with each other only when given permission).
4. Be respectful towards your teacher, the other classmates, and of course yourself.
5. Be polite!
6. Maintain a clean classroom environment (mouths, desks, and floors).
7. Follow all school rules listed in the student handbook. Failure to do so will result in consequences that may include a phone call home to your parent/guardian and/or notifying the office.

Classroom Policies

- Cell phones are not permitted in class. They are both disturbing, and against school policy
- Tardiness is unacceptable. It is disrespectful to both the teacher and the other students in the classroom.
- The teacher will take note of frequent bathroom visits or extended bathroom visits. If bathroom privileges are being abused, the teacher will restrict the privilege.
- Hand in all of your work, even if it is late. There will be a large point deduction, depending on the severity of lateness, but some points are better than no points at all!
- Plagiarism is looked at as cheating. Plagiarism will not be accepted, and any student caught plagiarizing will receive a zero on the assignment
- Online translators are NOT permitted. Online dictionaries, however, are and there is a link on my website to get you to a good online dictionary.
- The student should inform the teacher in advanced of any upcoming absences when possible.

Course materials mandatory (Bring ALL to class every day)

- Textbook: Bien Dit! This book will be online only; however, I may give you photocopied pages to keep. If you do receive photocopies pages, PLEASE take extra good care of them and DO NOT LOSE THEM!
- Workbook: Travaux Pratiques de Grammaire. *This book will be used online only.*
- Notebook – one-subject or binder with looseleaf ONLY. You may not share your binder's space with another class. You are responsible for maintaining your notebook, so please be sure to have enough paper in your binder for our class notes.
- Folder – you will receive many handouts, so please take care of them.
- Binder – This will keep all of your French information safe. *Failure to obtain a binder with at least 4 dividers in it will result in consequences for being unprepared for class.*

Students are strongly encouraged to purchase a French/English dictionary for work outside of the classroom setting.

Grade breakdown by Category:

Homework and classroom graded activities will make up 10% of the grade in the classroom. The rest of the grades will come from projects, tests (both written and speaking), quizzes, essays, class participation, the midterm, and the final.

90% - 100% = A

80% - 89% = B

70% - 79% = C

60% - 69% = D

59% and below = F

Throughout the semester, expect:

- Homework at least three times per week.
- At least one classwork assignment per class.
- At least one project in each unit.
- Quizzes every week.
- Tests at least every two weeks.
- Partner dialogues every week.
- To PARTICIPATE in our class discussion every day!

Homework (Read carefully.)

Late work is accepted; however you will **not** receive full credit. If an assignment is not completed when it is due, it will receive half credit upon completion. If there are more than 2 missed homework assignments in a marking period, the student's parent/guardian will be notified. Homework serves to reinforce content learned in class. Additionally, all homework MUST be COMPLETE in order to receive full credit. If $\frac{1}{4}$ or more of a homework assignment is incomplete, this will be recorded as "incomplete" with a grade of a 0. After 2 incomplete assignments, student's parent/guardian and/or guidance counselor will be notified. Please see student agenda and handbook for new school policies regarding homework.

Absences

If you are absent, you MUST follow the procedures below:

- 1.) Place homework that was due day of absence IN MY HANDS. Be sure to write "absent" on it at the top.
- 2.) **Check with me outside of class (email, advisory, resource, before or after school, etc.) to see what was missed.**
- 3.) Complete the homework assignment from day of absence and turn in the next school day.

If there is an extended absence (two or more days in a row), you will meet with your teacher to determine an acceptable timeline in which your missing work is expected to be completed.

Participation/Classwork

This aspect of the class is vital to ensure that you learn the material. Being off-task (not focused) on an in-class assignment or Avant de Commencer means you are not doing your best and are missing information. I expect everyone to be on task and to participate in class. Failure to do so will result in a loss of points on the assignment. Your parent and/or guidance counselor may also be informed.

Projects

No late projects will be accepted unless you have a note from your parent stating the reason for lateness. However, even with a note, your teacher has the right to refuse late work.

Projects will vary depending on the topic. There will always be a rubric given to ensure that the students know exactly what is expected. There will be three different ways that students will work on projects: in groups, with partners, and individually. Students are to ensure that their presentations are loud, emphatic, and enthusiastic so that they can receive the maximum amount of points.

My expectation is that you will put your VERY BEST effort into your projects. They are weighed heavily on your grade. I am very demanding regarding neatness and effort (including creativity) put into projects. You should be proud of the work you submit.

Final note

This year is going to be fun and exciting as we try new activities, use a different language, and learn about francophone cultures through cultural lessons and our projects.

Please feel free to let me know if you have any ideas for fun things we can learn throughout the year.

Merci beaucoup! 😊

Student's parent/guardian must complete the following section to agree that they have been made aware of our classroom policies. This completed, signed document is to be kept in our class binder **at all times**.

Parent/Guardian Name

Parent/Guardian Signature
