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French Course Expectations - World Languages Department

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Expectations of COURSE:

French 1	French 2	French 3
 French I serves as an introduction to standard vocabulary and grammar to produce basic communication. Students at this level should be able to recite, recombine and create in French. Novice learners will be able to develop benchmark proficiency at the novice high level. Students will create and present individual/ pair projects, dialogs, and short essays in French to demonstrate proficiency. Students should expect to complete up to 5-10 minutes of homework a day which may include but are not limited to: reading comprehension, vocabulary, and grammar activities. Students are required to sit for a Writing, Interactive Speaking, and Interpretive Proficiency Final Assessment. Prerequisite: N/A No GPA bump 	 French 2 serves primarily to expand vocabulary and communicative accuracy for Intermediate low language learners. Students at this level should be able to recombine and create in French with ease. Students will be able to interpret, speak, and write at the benchmark proficiency of intermediate low level. Students will create and present timed individual/pair projects, dialogs, and short essays in French to demonstrate proficiency. Students should expect to complete up to 5-15 minutes of homework a day which may include but are not limited to: reading comprehension, vocabulary, and grammar activities. Students are required to sit for Writing, Interactive Speaking, and Interpretive Final Assessments Prerequisite: successful completion of French I No GPA bump 	 French 3 serves to expand vocabulary and communicative accuracy for intermediate mid language learners. Students at this level should be able to create and provide relevant details in French on a broad range of topics. Students will be able to interpret, speak, and write at the benchmark proficiency of intermediate mid-level. Students will create and present timed individual/pair projects, dialogs, and essays in French to demonstrate proficiency. Students should expect to complete up to 5-15 minutes of homework a day which may include but are not limited to: reading comprehension, vocabulary, and grammar activities. Students are required to sit for Writing, Interactive Speaking, and Interpretive Final Assessments Prerequisite: successful completion of French II. No GPA bump

French 4 Honors / French 5 Honors	French AP
 French 4 and 5 serve to expand vocabulary and communicative accuracy for advanced language learners. This course is taught almost exclusively in French. Students are expected to communicate in French consistently. Students at this level should be able to create, narrate, and analyze a broad range of topics in coherent French with ease. Students will be able to interpret, speak, and write advanced communications to develop advanced proficiency in French. Students will create and present timed individual/pair projects, dialogs, and essays in French to demonstrate proficiency. Students should expect to complete up to 15-30 minutes of homework a day which may include but are not limited to: reading comprehension, vocabulary, and grammar activities, projects, and extended writing assignments. Students are required to sit for Writing, Interactive Speaking, and Interpretive Final Assessments Prerequisite: successful completion of French 3. French 4 and 5 can serve as a preparation for the AP French course and exam. .5 GPA bump 	 AP French is equivalent to the fifth and sixth semesters of a college course in the French language. This course is taught exclusively in French and students are expected to sit for the formal AP French Language and Culture exam at the end of the course. Students are expected to communicate in French exclusively. Students will achieve a level of oral and written proficiency that would be comprehensible to a non-sympathetic native listener/reader. Students will expand their interpersonal and oral communications skills in French through daily interactions and conversations, and timed presentations. Students will understand the French of native speakers in a variety of contexts and representing a variety of Francophone cultures. Students should expect to complete up to 15-30 minutes of homework a day which may include (but are not limited to): reading comprehension, essay writing, projects, and vocabulary / grammar practice. Prerequisite: successful completion of French IV or French V or French 3 (with teacher recommendation). 1.0 GPA bump

Questions regarding all French courses can be directed to the team lead or the department leader.