

2015-2016  
Expectations and Grading Policy for ALL Classes  
Ms. Sandhusen

Welcome to French / Spanish class! This page explains a little bit about the class and will give you an idea of what to expect and what will be expected of you.

**SUPPLIES**

- 3-ring binder with dividers to organize notes and packets. Pencil and Pens (blue, green, black, violet, *please*, not RED)
- Plain index cards (flashcards) to review verbs and vocabulary
- Extra 3-ring composition paper for essays
- Softcover Dictionary for French or Spanish class
- Eraser / Highlighters



**CLASSROOM PROCEDURES**

**EXPECTATIONS**

- Always remember the three R's: respect for self, respect for others...and responsibilities of your own actions.
- Please bring to class **everyday your own covered** textbook, pens, pencils, your homework and the current supplementary packet.
- Be ready to work when the second bell rings. Your work should be kept neat and organized, separate from other subjects. The handouts and packets that you receive throughout the year should be saved in your binder to study for the Final Exam in June.
- No baseball caps or hats may be worn in class. No eating, no chewing gum or drinking anything except water in a clear bottle. Please use the bathroom before class begins or towards the end of class.
- The use of **any** electronic devices is not permitted in class at any time unless we are using it for educational purposes. If a cellphone rings, I will have to confiscate it. Consequences are outlined in the student/parent handbook.

**CLASS PARTICIPATION**

Class participation is based on the exclusive use and ease of use of the target language. Speaking the language increases fluidity and accuracy. Risk-taking is rewarded. The goal is the communication, not the grammar. Use of English inhibits learning, weakens the process and loses points. No matter how little you know, make every effort to speak during class.

## **HOMEWORK**

If an assignment is given when you are present, and it is not handed in the day it is due, you will receive a **zero** as a homework grade. No partial credit will be given on homework assignments. **NO LATE HOMEWORKS ARE ACCEPTED.** The value of each homework assignment will vary from 5 to 25 points dependent upon the amount of time it requires. Check SchoolWires for assignments.

All homework assignments must use the Heading Format noted below.

(Student Name) Le Nom / El nombre
(Course) La Classe / La clase
(Date) La Date / La fecha
(Page Number) La Page / La página

**Schoolwires:** I will post important information regarding the course on this site and will update it regularly throughout the academic year. Important terms will be listed here, upcoming test and quiz dates, due dates for projects, assigned reading from the text and supplementary packets. I consider this site to be an efficient and readily accessible means of communicating classroom responsibilities to you. You are responsible for ensuring that you regularly check the site, make it a habit.

*The URL is: <http://northernhighlandsrhs.schoolwires.com>*

Click on “Staff” on the right hand menu, and then click on Sandhusen. My site will come up and you will be able to access the information described above.

## **ABSENTEE POLICY**

When you return from an absence, it is your responsibility to come and speak to me regarding the work that missed.

If you are absent the day of the test/ quiz and were present in class the day before, you will take the test/ quiz the day you return to class. If you are absent several days see me to select a date for makeup work. Tests must be made up within one week.

## **TESTING**

Students will have 1 varied assessment every week. It may consist of a quiz, an audio quiz, a Language Lab activity, a composition, a short oral presentation, a reading comprehension quiz or a test. All assessments will be posted ahead of time in SchoolWires, except for surprise quizzes... In the event of an absence, it is your responsibility to make up the assignment **the next class period**. If there are special circumstances, **please speak to me after class or e-mail me.**

## **GRADING**

The grades for each Semester Grading are **weighted** as follows: Your grade will be based on the total points earned for the Semester.

Written tests and Projects	40%
Quizzes, Compositions, Lab Work, Audio quizzes	40%
Homework, Classwork, Substitute Work	20%

**Final Exam weight is 15%; each semester marking period is 42.5%** I encourage you to save all notes and handouts for review.

## **TO IMPROVE YOUR LANGUAGE SKILLS:**

- Learning another language requires daily study. For French class, the French Channel is a cable channel called Le Journal or TV5.fr. It is a good way to practice listening and pronunciation. In addition, Showtime channels feature French cinema films on a regular basis. For Spanish, there are many Spanish-speaking channels, including Univision.
- Bring to class on a regular basis a French-English dictionary for French or a Spanish-English dictionary for Spanish. You may also use the application [wordreference.com](http://wordreference.com) on your Smart phone.
- I am available after school for extra help in room #123. Let me know the time you can come. You can always email me or speak with me after class. In addition, the Honor Society offers free peer-tutoring on all subjects. Please contact the Guidance Department to schedule a tutor.

I hope you have an exciting and successful year. I promise you'll have fun and get more out of your language class☺

**I have read and understand all of the expectations and procedures.**

Student name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date