

NORTHRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

COURSE DISCLOSURE

FRENCH 1

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This elective class has a **\$10 fee** to be paid in the office under the French account. These fees pay for cultural activities throughout the year. **Fee should be paid no later than September 17th**. Please contact me if for any reason this payment must be made after that date or if the student is on a waiver.

Course Description:

Students will be taught the French language and culture through a variety of methods with emphasis on verbal communication.

At the end of this course, students should be able to:

- Recognize and understand commonly used words, phrases and expressions.
- Use visual and contextual clues to assist in comprehension.
- Sometimes recognize previously learned material when presented in a new context.
- Copy or transcribe familiar words or phrases, and reproduce a modest number of isolated words and phrases in context.
- Supply limited information on simple forms and documents, and other biographical information, such as names, numbers, and nationality.
- Exhibit accuracy when writing on well-practiced, familiar topics using limited formulaic language, but they will exhibit a marked decrease in accuracy with less familiar topics. Errors in spelling or in representation of symbols may be frequent.
- Specific topics, text types and functions as listed on a separate French 1 Benchmarks handout.

Course Resources:

Course content will be based on the textbook, *Chez Nous*, Fourth Edition by Valman, Pons and Scullen. However, students will not be assigned a textbook. Instead, they will have handouts of vocabulary and some grammar concepts. There are copies of other textbooks available to be checked out for those who would like a reference guide at home.

Participation Points:

Each day students may earn up to 10 points for arriving on time, following class rules and participating in class activities. Tardies, off-task behavior or other violations of class rules will result in losing participation points. Unexcused absences will result in a score of zero.

Attendance:

Because the high school is on a block schedule, one absence is equivalent to missing two days in junior high. Therefore, it is very difficult to make up missed work and it is impossible to make up the experience of hearing spoken French and interacting with classmates. Make every effort to be here and to be on time!

Absent/Late Work:

Students have two class periods following an excused absence to turn in their missing work and/or make up tests, with the exception of using a grace card (see class rules). Anything missed due to an unexcused absence may not be made up.

Class Rules:

- 1) All work must be turned in on time and be one's own work.
- 2) Respect the rights, property and opinions of others.
- 3) **No** food, drink, hats or cell phones in class. You will receive a U and items will be confiscated. **Parents, all calls during class should go through the office not student's cell phone.**
- 4) The Dress Code will be enforced. Specifically, if your clothing is immodest or inappropriate, you will be asked to cover up or change clothing and you will lose participation points.
- 5) Be **on time (which means in your seat) and prepared**. Do not disturb the class with your tardiness.
- 6) You will have two grace card/hall passes per term which can be used:
 - 1) To use the hall pass (must be accompanied by the class hall pass)
 - 2) To turn in a late assignment under 50 points (staple it to the assignment)
 - 3) Turn in unused to earn 10 extra credit points
- 7) Come to each class with paper, assignments, pencil or pen (blue or black ink only)

Grading Scale:

93-100	A	77-79	C+	60-62	D-
90-92	A-	73-76	C	0-59	F
86-89	B+	70-72	C-		
83-86	B	67-69	D+		
80-82	B-	63-66	D		

Mission Statement:

We at Northridge High School will provide all students with **rigorous** and **relevant** educational opportunities that will enable them to reach their potential and be responsible, productive citizens.

Statement of Non-Discrimination:

Northridge High School does not exclude or limit opportunities on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, or disability. Harassment or any form of discrimination will not be tolerated. Accommodations for students with special needs will be provided upon request.

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**Please keep the disclosure for your reference. Then return this signed agreement by
Wednesday, September 1st.**

Student Name (Printed) _____ Class Period _____

I have read the disclosure for Ms. Anderson's Language Arts class and agree to the information
contained therein.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____