

Spaulding High School
2021-2022 Course Syllabus

FRENCH 3

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Course Description:

This course is for students who showed Proficiency or better in French 2. This semester, we will continue to use the same method as last year. It is called TPRS (Total Physical Response Storytelling). This is a teaching method based on the idea that the brain needs a lot of Comprehensible Input (CI) to acquire a new language. It focuses on using interactive books and stories that contain commonly used phrases to help students get familiar with a new language easily. You will hear stories (with lots of repetition) read, write, tell, retell and sometimes act out stories.

We will use an online platform/textbook called Voces to guide us through the stories. It will provide us with not only the stories rich in vocabulary and culture, but also interactive activities that incorporate videos, more listening and speaking to align with the units.

Textbook Link: VOCES DIGITAL

Contemporary Life: Travel and Pastimes: How do language and culture define identity? How does travel influence our worldview? What are the challenges of contemporary life? How do individuals and societies define their national/cultural identity?

Families and Communities: Family Structures: How are friendship and community expressed in different cultures? What can we learn from different generations? What personal qualities help or hinder the formation of relationships? How are people transformed through their relationships with others? How do the roles of family and community members differ in different countries? What impact does family have during different stages of our lives?

Beauty and Aesthetics: Fashion and Design: Is beauty an important value? What do fashion styles and trends say about a culture or society? What is the cost of beauty? How has what is considered fashionable changed over time? How do beauty standards vary across the world?

[Student Expectations in Hybrid Model 2020](#)

[2020-2021 Parent and Student Handbook COVID Edition](#)

Practice:

Language is learned through repetition and review. The games and activities we do in class and online provide some of the review and repetition needed in order to acquire the language. It is not possible to learn a language adequately by cramming all the activities for the week into one day. In addition to this, 70 minutes a day may not be sufficient for some. Extra practice is needed and this is why I provide you with ideas for extra online games (Quizlet), flashcards, and readings to increase your brain exercise when you are at home.

I also offer lots of practice with EdPuzzles. These videos will offer more repetition of the stories and provide you with opportunities to review and write the new vocabulary words.

Assessment/Reassessment:

All activities in Voces are assessed so it will be essential that you complete them (see the proficiency chart for details). There will be many opportunities to assess all of the standards. If an activity is not Proficient, I will communicate with you and you will get a chance to resubmit it or correct it. Voces often gives you 5 attempts and then it will automatically submit. If you need more than 5 chances, I will reset it for you. This will give me a notification that you need help or the assignment was extra tricky.

STANDARD	DEVELOPING	PROFICIENT	EXEMPLARY
<u>Reading</u>	Complete at least 50% of reading activities in Voces	Complete 75% of reading activities in Voces and be Proficient in all of the activities	Complete ALL reading activities in Voces and have 90% or better on most activities. Exemplary/extra readings must be completed at the end of the semester to show more independent understanding of readings.
<u>Listening</u>	Complete at least 50% of reading activities in Voces	Complete 75% of listening activities in Voces and be Proficient on all the activities	Complete ALL listening activities in Voces and have a 90% or better on most activities. Exemplary/extra listening activities must be completed at the end of the semester to show more independent understanding of listening
<u>Speaking-Presentational</u>	Complete and be Proficient and Developing on 50% of speaking activities in Voces (Notre Histoire, Raconte-Moi and end of unit assessments).	Complete and be Proficient on 75% of speaking activities in Voces (Notre Histoire, Raconte-Moi and end of unit assessments).	Complete ALL Voces Speaking activities (Notre Histoire/ Raconte Moi and end of unit assessments) and be Proficient on all the activities. The majority of the activities must be Exemplary.
<u>Speaking-Interpersonal</u>	Attempt and be at least Developing on both Unités of Questions Personnelles. Complete 50% of Interpersonal Speaking activities in Voces.	Complete and be proficient on Intro, Unité 3 and Unit 4 Questions Personnelles. Also complete 75% of Interpersonal Speaking activities in Voces.	Complete and be Proficient on all Questions Personnelles. Final Questions Personnelles must be Exemplary. Complete and be Proficient on Interpersonal Speaking activities in Voces.
<u>Writing</u> *no use of Google translate or dictionaries	Complete and be Proficient and Developing on 50% of writing activities in Voces (Notre Histoire, Raconte-Moi and end of unit assessments). Grammar corrections must be attempted.	Complete and be Proficient on 75% of writing activities in Voces (Notre Histoire, Raconte-Moi, Histoire Originale). Both Histoires Originales must be completed and proficient. Most grammar must be corrected.	Complete ALL Voces Writing activities (Notre Histoire, Raconte-Moi, Histoire Originale) The Histoires Originales and the majority of writings must be Exemplary. Exemplary writings must give detail and most grammar must be corrected according to codes.

Learning a language is a process that we build upon. Our stories follow a sequence and true learning does not happen when activities are crammed into one day or at the end of the semester. Work should be complete near the due date but in extenuating circumstances **you will have one month to complete Voces activities from the day they are assigned.** Beyond a month, activities will not be accepted and not count toward the 50% or 75% completion goals for proficiency. You' ll have to complete the rest of the assignments to meet your completion goals. Doing activities and assessments after the fact does not help your learning.

Students who are **looking to be Exemplary** need to show me exemplary work throughout the semester on a majority of assignments. You must complete all assignments in the standard and be exemplary on a majority of them. You can not be Exemplary in a standard by simply completing a final task at the end of the semester. Exemplary students are consistently exemplary. You may always reassess assignments and writings. In addition, being Exemplary is not getting to 90-100% after 5-25 attempts. Exemplary is showing me you understand in one or two attempts.

OVERALL GRADE

Exemplary	Students must be Exemplary in the majority of standards (3) including Writing and Proficient in all other standards
Partially Exemplary	Students must be Exemplary in one standard and Proficient in all other standards
Proficient	Students must be Proficient in all standards
Partially Proficient	Students may be developing in one or two standards and Proficient in all other standards. No Standard can be B or NE.
Developing	Majority of standards are Developing (3).
Beginning	Majority of standards are Beginning (3)
No Evidence	Majority of standards are No Evidence

Expectations:

1. REGULAR ATTENDANCE is expected. If you know you are going to miss class, I always appreciate an email (that day or the day before). If you miss class you can email me after class as well.

Check the google classroom for all assignments and ask me questions if you have any.

2. CHECK GOOGLE CLASSROOM EVERY DAY: Last year taught us a lot about technology and staying organized online. I will post the assignments, links, and activities every day in the classroom. I do not grade in the classroom but all of your work will be there.

3. COMMUNICATION: As you can see from above, communication is key. If you're struggling, need extra time, absent, have questions, notice a glitch, just want to say hello, email me! I'm VERY good about checking my email and getting back to students and I expect the same from you.

Please reply to my emails as soon as you can, within 24 hours. Please confirm receipt of messages.

4. CELL PHONES: Ask permission for cell phone use. They should be out of sight even if turned off.

5. CHROMEBOOKS should be brought to class and sufficiently charged. The library will not have backups so it is crucial that you come prepared.

6. MASKS AND SOCIAL DISTANCING- Masks should be worn until we are told otherwise. I still will want you to work with partners and move around the room. We will follow all protocols. If you feel uncomfortable at any point, please communicate with me and I will adjust or modify activities in the future.

7. NECESSARY MATERIALS: I will print out important papers, cliparts and notes for students who wish to have them. You will have access to everything in the Google Classroom, but I know many students prefer to have hard copies of important documents. I'll make sure to have those for all students who desire them.

8. TRY: Your effort plays a role in determining how well you do. PARTICIPATE, get involved in activities, ask questions and have a positive attitude. Oftentimes there is a correlation. Keep up on your work and do practice activities like Quizlet. It will make a difference!

9. HAVE FUN! We use games often to help learn and practice material. Games can be cooperative or competitive, but the goal is always to help you learn.

10. SUPPORTS: **Advisory** is a perfect time for you to come see me. I can help you with assignments, get organized etc. It's also a time you can do practice like Quizlet! If you are behind in your work, I will speak to you in class or email you to invite you to see me during Advisory (again, please reply!) You can also sign yourself up on the board. You can also come in without an invitation. Just show up (don't go to your advisory first) and I'll sign you up.

11. BE PATIENT- Things are different again this year (but hopefully better) and we will all need time to adjust. You are being asked to do things you've never done before and learn in a completely new way. Teachers are doing the same. We will make mistakes, and we will need help just like you! We

will do our best and that is all I can ask from you.

12. WORKLOAD: Please note that the quantity of assignments I give may appear overwhelming. The quantity of tasks often seem like a lot at times, but some assignments might only take 3-4 minutes to complete. We will do our best to complete most work in class but there will be times that you might be asked to finish up at home on your own time. Extra work is always encouraged outside of class like EdPuzzles, Quizlet, flashcards etc.

Any time you have questions, please talk to me or email me any time! (kmarishs@buusd.org).

Remember you can check your grades/progress report any time on Infinite Campus and also see how you're doing in Voces. I update regularly and enter all assessments and practices. It's important for you to check so that you can catch mistakes, self-advocate and just know how you're doing. Infinite Campus is where I will enter everything so please look there first. You will need to look at each Standard to see the individual assignments.

HOW TO CHECK GRADES

IC LOGIN > **GRADES** (left column) > **Q2** > **French** (under FRENCH 1 title) > **Presentational Speaking, Interpersonal Speaking, Listening, Reading, Writing.** (each standard will show you all of the assessments) This is where ALL of the grades go so you should always know exactly how you are doing every day. At the moment there is a standard called Language Conventions. I may enter things in that Standard but you will not be assessed (this is Grammar which I will not grade! yay!)

STANDARD	Performance Indicator	Sample assessments and more specific performance indicators
Speaking (presentational)	1. I can <u>present</u> personal and basic information on familiar topics I have practiced using language from the unit of study 2. I can retell a familiar story or event	1. Every other story we learn in Notre Histoire you will have to retell in your own words 2. You will prepare a presentation about photos you choose
Speaking (interpersonal)	2. I can <u>exchange</u> , ask for and give information on familiar topics (interpersonal) and express preferences.	1. I can ask and answer personal questions about myself with the Questions Personnelles 2. Ask and answer questions about photos

Listening Comprehension	1. I can understand words, phrases and simple sentences related to everyday life. I can recognize pieces of information and understand the main topic of what is being said.	1. Each unit in Voces will have a variety of listening comprehension activities to assess your level of comprehension
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Interpretive Reading	1. I can understand familiar words, phrases, and sentences within texts. I can understand the main idea of what I have read.	1. We will be reading many stories about families, travel, and relationships. Many activities in Notre Histoire will assess how well you understood the texts.
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Writing	I can rewrite a familiar story or event in my own words I can write my own original story I can write questions	1. Every other story in Notre Histoire will require you to retell the story in your own words, using vocabulary from the unit 2. ALL UNITS will involve writing an original story
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ACADEMIC HONESTY PLEDGE

I will prepare for assessments by studying the vocabulary pertinent to this topic and will complete assigned practices.

I understand that if I leave the assessment page once I have started the assessment will be automatically submitted as is.

I may use short notes with words (not full sentences) to guide me. I will not use any resources, reference pages, translator (ie Google Translate) online dictionaries or any outside help to complete assessments. I will turn off grammar assisting tools such as Grammarly when using Voces. There will be certain instances where these tools will be allowed but I will be specific about when and what to use.

I will focus on the learning expectation so that my performance can be evaluated as an example of the specific goal of the assessment. When asked to speak in the target language I will not be reading the text, but rather demonstrating my ability to communicate with the language that I'm learning.

I understand that as long as my work and preparation have been completed and submitted I will have the opportunity to reassess. The teacher may use this assessment, a variation of it or a different one inline with the learning objectives of the former assessment, when I reassess .

I understand that to be considered for the honors option I have to maintain the highest level of scholarship, effort and accountability. Acting contrary to the intent of the honesty pledge would negatively affect my ability to secure honor status.

Infractions or suspicions of misconduct will be communicated with the student and guardians on the first incident. Subsequent incidents will be reported to administration to put on the student's file.

In summary,

1. I will not use Google Translate or online dictionaries, unless I'm specifically told they are allowed for a specific assignment.
2. I will not copy full stories, parts of stories or full sentences from stories when I am assessing writing. I will only use short notes with single words or English.
3. I will not read off of full stories or parts of stories when I'm assessing speaking. I will only use short notes with single words or English

student's signature

date

** there will be a future Google classroom assignment for you to confirm that you've understood this pledge.