



## Greenwich Public Schools Curriculum Overview

### MS French 1 Beginning

Personalized learning is achieved through standards-based, rigorous and relevant curriculum that is aligned to digital tools and resources.

*Note: Teachers retain professional discretion in how the learning is presented based on the needs and interests of their students.*

#### **Course Description:**

MS French 1B (French 1 Beginning)

Full Year (Meets 2 - 3x weekly on a pattern basis)

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This course is for first-time French language learners who may have studied another language or no language in elementary school. The course focuses on the four communication skills: reading, listening, writing, and speaking within a cultural context. Core instruction is delivered daily in the target language, providing students with the opportunity to communicate about meaningful content in the context of vertically-aligned thematic units. Students are encouraged and expected to use the target language throughout daily lessons in order to build their oral and written linguistic proficiency in a cultural context.

Aligned to the World-Readiness Standards for Learning Languages and the ACTFL Proficiency Guidelines, this course will build students' foundational language skills in the four language domains and develop their communicative confidence in a world language as they continue to pursue language study through middle school.

#### **Thematic units\*:**

- **Preliminary Unit (PM):** *Le vent de la francophonie* (Hello Francophone World!)
- **Unit 1:** *Bonjour, tout le monde!* (Hello everyone)
- **Unit 2:** Les Loisirs (Hobbies)

#### **Enduring Understandings**

- French & American teenagers enjoy similar activities
- What people like to do shows their personality
- There are differences in how French speakers address and interact with each other and with friends.
- People have universally common characteristics that they use to identify and describe themselves.
- Learning another language is beneficial to understanding other cultures
- The French language is spoken around the world
- There are differences in the way Americans and French teens greet peers and adults.
- The French show affection / relationship closeness through the use of "tu" and respect through the use of "vous".
- It is important to recognize and appreciate francophone cultures: Sub Saharan Africa; sports & pastimes in the francophone world
- Self-exploration is critical to personal goal-setting

### **Objectives: Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:**

- List some francophone (French-speaking) countries around the world
- Greet peers and adults
- Introduce themselves and say where they are from
- Share basic personal information (name, birthday, age, nationality, heritage)
- Introduce friends, family, and relatives
- Recite the alphabet
- Spell out any word
- Describe items by color
- Can invite someone and accept or refuse an invitation
- Can give the day of the week and tell when they do different activities
- Tell time
- Give the date and day of the week
- Talk about the weather
- Can tell what they like, don't like, and prefer
- Tell how much they like to do something; agree & disagree
- Use 9 subject pronouns using ER verbs
- Use ne...pas to make sentences negative
- Correctly use tu & vous to ask questions
- Identify masculine and feminine nouns

### **Performance Tasks:**

Vocabulary, conversation, and culture are reinforced through the following:

- Interpersonal and presentational speaking and writing activities
- Teacher-generated formative and summative assessments.
- Projects may include:
  - Tout sur moi (All About Me) booklet or poster / Je me présente
  - Francophone country study (poster and/or presentation);

### **Standards**

- [ACTFL World Readiness Standards for Learning Languages](#)
- [ACTFL Alignment of the World-Readiness Standards for Learning Languages with the Common Core State Standards](#)
- [NCSSFL/ACTFL Can-Do Statements](#)

### **Resources**

- Textbook and ancillary materials
- Teacher-created resources
- Online resources: videos, French commercials / news programs, Quizlet, Kahoot, Lyrics Training, Screencastify, FlipGrid and other online websites