



Highland Park, August 24th, 2016

Dear Students:

I am very happy to start the new school year at Highland Park High School. Welcome to **French II Honors**. Here, you are going to further your knowledge of the French language and the French speaking world in a relaxed and productive atmosphere. I hope that you are ready to work very hard to meet your goals. I am here to help you. Please, do not hesitate to contact me at: (224) 765-2187 or oloubieres@dist113.org

The learning targets for this course relate to the development of speaking, listening, reading, and writing skills in French. Learning targets guide lesson activities and are the basis for formative and summative assessments of progress. All summative assessments are graded. Some formative assessments are graded, others are not.

Examples of summative assessments are quizzes, chapter exams, unit projects. Examples of formative assignments are classroom or homework activities.

Here is how you can be **successful in this class**.

You will have **homework** every night (or almost every night...). Most of the time, it will be easy. It will be a good way to reinforce your knowledge. Each homework assignment will be worth 5 points if you turn it in when it is due. If they are late you will not receive any points. However, you will be granted one pass per quarter which will allow you to receive full credit for one homework assignment, in case you are unable to complete it. If you are absent one day, you will have one day to make up the work. If you are absent two days, you will have two days to make up the work.

I know you all are very good students and that you are disciplined. This fact coupled with the following guidelines will ensure a **good learning environment**.

- Arrive to class on time.
- Come to every class with all the required books and materials.
- Make sure that your chromebook is fully charged and that you have your headphones with you.
- Come to class prepared. Your homework must be complete when you enter the classroom.
- Be respectful of your peers and your teacher. Respect other people's differences.
- You must have excellent attendance.
- **You need to speak French at all times.** You may not speak English without prior permission. Here's how you can ask for permission: "*Excusez-moi, Monsieur. Est-ce que je peux parler anglais, s'il vous plaît ?*"

My grading scale is the same as the rest of the school:

A(100-93), A-(92-90), B+ (89-87), B (86-83), B-(82-80), C+ (79-77), C (76-73), C- (72-70), D+ (69-67), D (66-63), D- (63-60), E (59 et moins).

You will be **evaluated** as such:

60% written work (tests, quizzes, compositions...)

25% oral work

15% homework

Your **semester grade** will be comprised of :

Semester: 85%

Final Exam: 15%

Thank you for your attention and your enthusiasm!

M. Olivier Loubières