

**COURS DE FRANÇAIS III
AUSTIN HIGH SCHOOL
MADAME TOULOUSE
2016-2017 SYLLABUS**



OBJECTIVE: In Level III, you will learn vocabulary, expressions and lots of grammar to express yourself in intermediate French. We will look specifically at cultural aspects of the French people through readings. You will present projects in French to the class. There is a large writing component in Level III as well.

TEXTBOOK: We will continue using *Bon Voyage!* We will go as a class to check out books. As well, you can access the textbook through Dropbox. If you provide me your email address, I can invite you to the application. You then install Dropbox on your computer at home and/or mobile device. In level III, we use the iPads as a class to access the textbook, so you will not need to bring your textbook unless you just prefer the print format.

MATERIALS REQUIRED: Please bring a 1 ½ inch binder and 4 dividers to keep your work for French class (not a spiral please). As well, you will need notebook paper, a pen or pencil and a highlighter every day. You should bring your binder to French class EVERY DAY.

GRADING STRUCTURE: In this class, we will have daily grades, which make up 50% of your average, as well as major grades, which also make up 50% of your average. Daily grades include homework (10%), bellwork (10%), participation grades (10%) and quizzes (20%). Major grades include essays and projects.

BELLWORK: is the assignment – usually notes or some kind of practice – you will find waiting for you when you first get to class. Begin working on the bellwork as soon as you get to class. I will take your bellwork grade 15-20 minutes into class. It is a completion grade – either you finish (100) or you do not (0). It is essential that you make up your bellwork if you are absent.

HOMEWORK: You will receive a photocopy of the homework every day. In addition, you will also be able to access most of the worksheets through Dropbox if you lose your copy. I usually give about 10-15 minutes at the end of class for you to get started on your homework. It is due the next class day at the beginning of class. Turn in homework to the Coca-Cola box. Don't waste your time copying someone else's homework – you will both earn a zero for that. If you wait until class to work on your homework, it is ten points off. See grading policy for late and makeup work information.

QUIZZES: There are usually two quizzes per chapter, including oral questions.

BINDERS: I will grade binders once a six weeks. Your binder grade will count as a quiz grade, and you may get your binder checked anytime after the mid-point of a six weeks. If you need help organizing your binder, please let me know. Organization is empowering.

TESTS: We write essays instead of taking paper-and-pencil tests in level III. Students are taught and encouraged to use the five-paragraph essay format, as well as transition words and phrases and various verb tenses in their writing. If a test is

given, there is only one test per chapter with listening, reading, writing, grammar, vocabulary, speaking and culture questions.

HALL PRIVILEGES: You may use the restroom two times per six weeks with your restroom passes. I will give them out at the beginning of each six weeks. If you use the restroom, please be back in a reasonable amount of time. If you are gone for more than that, I will ground you for the rest of the six weeks. One person at a time may leave with the hall pass, and no one will be allowed to leave the first fifteen or last fifteen minutes of class.

EXTRA CREDIT: If you need some extra credit, turn in your unused restroom passes at the end of the six weeks. You may drop one homework zero with a restroom pass, or you may add 2 points on an individual test or quiz grade for each restroom pass. You may also copy the date from the board on your work and/or meaningfully highlight your work/notes for up to four points on each assignment. In addition, if you would like to donate something that everyone can use such as Kleenex, pencils, hand sanitizer, notebook paper or highlighters I will give extra credit once per six weeks for that. You may not drop zeroes for classwork.

TARDY POLICY: Please be on time. Students with three or more tardies will be assigned Saturday School. If you are late because a teacher or another adult kept you late, bring a pass or be prepared to go back for one.

ELECTRONIC DEVICES: As soon as you get to class, put your earbuds, phones, iPods, etc. away where I cannot see or hear them unless you are using them to access Dropbox. You need to be listening 100% to what is going on around you. If I have to ask you more than once to put them away, I will confiscate them.

DRESS CODE: Please adhere to the dress code. I will enforce the AISD dress code as far as clothing displaying alcohol, tobacco, profanity, weapons or vulgarity, as well as for too-short shorts/skirts or too-tiny spaghetti strap shirts. My classroom is cold, so keep that in mind as you dress for the school day.

TUTORING: If you need to come by because you don't understand the homework or you need to make up something, please sign up for a FIT session Tues-Fri 10:35-11:00.

PARENT CONTACT: My desk phone at Austin High is 841-1936 or you can email me at amy.toulouse@austinisd.org anytime. I will provide detailed contact information at Back-to-School Night.

FRENCH CLUB: Come to French Club! We meet about once a month for snacks, French movies and fun. Some of our special events include the cheese tasting, the chocolate tasting and our Christmas white elephant.

