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**Course Overview:**

Bonjour and welcome to French! French is offered as a Global Languages elective credit at Western Guilford High School. Each class provides instruction in how to use French in Reading, Listening, Writing, Speaking and Conversation with Culture interwoven throughout. Students will learn French vocabulary, grammar and conversation as well as the cultures of diverse French speaking countries around the world. Students wishing to attend a four year college in North Carolina must complete two levels of the same world language.

**Required Materials:**

* Binder with filler paper
* Pencils, highlighters
* Chromebook with access to Canvas and PowerSchool

**Proficiency-Based Grading:**

Reading: 20% Listening: 20% Writing: 20% Speaking: 20% Integrated: 20%

Please note that at least 40% of your grade comes from speaking and listening. This class will be very interactive and require you to participate and speak French with me and with your classmates. I don’t expect you to have a perfect French accent, but rather to TRY your best to communicate.

**Academic Honesty:**

Using online translators and apps such as Google Translate to complete any assignments including classwork, tests, quizzes or projects is considered cheating and a violation of academic honesty. This work will receive a zero. I will provide all of the vocabulary, notes and practice that you need to complete your work.

**Classroom Rules:**

***Be on time:*** be in your seat when the bell rings, and don’t pack up until I dismiss you

***Be prepared:*** bring your binder with notes as well as pencil and paper. Turn in work on time.

***Be respectful:*** this class is a safe space and a learning space. Disrespect to me, other students, the classroom or materials will not be tolerated.

***No phones:*** you need to listen, pay attention and participate in order to learn. Phones must always be on silent and zipped away in a backpack or placed in the class phone holder unless I instruct you to use it for learning purposes.

***Be accountable:*** for yourself and your choices, stay on task and turn in your work

***Follow all school rules***

**Consequences:**

1st offense = warning 2nd offense = hall conference 3rd offense = phone call home

**Repeat minor offenses after the phone call home will result in office referrals. Major offenses will result in immediate referral.**

**Absences/Make-up Work:** THE STUDENT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR OBTAINING NOTES AND WORK MISSED DUE TO ABSENCES OR TARDIES. Please check with me or on Canvas for missing work. You will need to schedule a time to make up any missing tests or quizzes. The WGHS makeup work policy is that, if a student is absent, they have the number of days they missed, plus TWO to turn in assignments. For example, if you miss four days, you have a total of six days after you return to submit missing work.

**Participation grade:** This will include notebook checks, bell ringers, exit tickets and conversation checks. This grade can not be made up, as it is based on attendance. You need to come to class as often as possible in order to learn a foreign language. Your participation grade will go down if you are on your phone or off task.

**Late Work:** Late work will NOT be accepted or receive credit after 5 days. Students who are failing Q1, Q2 or Q3 will receive a 45% as their lowest grade. Students who are failing will be offered grade recovery assignments. Students can recover their grade up to a 59%. The Q4 grade will be “as is”.

**Exam exemption policy:** French students who receive an 85% or higher and have 10 or fewer absences may be exempt from the French final exam.