



**FRENCH II**  
**GRADE 7 (Plaza Middle School only)**

*Counselors are available to assist parents and students with course selections and career planning. Parents may arrange to meet with the counselor by calling the school's guidance department.*

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

Students continue the sequential development of all communicative skills. They use the language for oral and written communication, interpretation of spoken and written information, and presentations to audiences of listeners and readers. In addition, culture is an integral part of meaningful language use.

**PREREQUISITE**

French I

**OPTIONS FOR NEXT COURSE**

French III

Students who study one language for an extended period of time will have the opportunity to achieve the highest levels of performance in the five goal areas: Communication, Cultures, Connections, Comparisons, and Communities.

Students pursuing an advanced diploma must successfully complete three years of one language or two years of two languages.

Students may begin the study of a new language, i.e., Latin I or Spanish I (Grades 6-12), German I or Japanese I (Grades 7-12) or Russian I (Grades 9-12).

**REQUIRED STUDENT TEXTBOOK**

*Discovering French Nouveau! Bleu, Level I* (McDougal Littell, 2004)

**SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIALS**

The teacher may choose to supplement the basal textbook with materials to extend and enrich the students' understanding of course topics. These materials may be drawn from daily newspapers, periodicals, television and other audio/visual media, primary source documents, simulations, and computer programs.

## **FRENCH II**

### **GOAL 1 – COMMUNICATION**

Communicate in French \*

#### **Standards**

##### Interpersonal Mode (IP)

1.1 Students provide and obtain information, express feelings and emotions, and exchange opinions, both orally and in writing.

##### Interpretative Mode (IR)

1.2 Students understand and interpret written and spoken language on a variety of topics.

##### Presentational Mode (P)

1.3 Students present information, concepts, and ideas to an audience of listeners and readers on a variety of topics.

#### **FII.1.IP: Communication: Interpersonal**

- Ask and answer questions in French for clarification.
- Exchange information in French to acquire goods and services.
- Interact with others in French to compare and contrast opinions.
- Exchange information in French to recommend solutions for personal matters.
- Exchange in French level-appropriate information using available technology.

#### **FII.1.IR: Communication: Interpretive**

- Identify in French the sequence of events in authentic materials.
- Identify in French significant details and other relevant information found in authentic materials.
- Derive meaning in French from familiar and new information in new situations.

#### **FII.1.P: Communication: Presentational**

- Summarize information in French received from a variety of sources.
- Present in French unrehearsed, familiar information in French in new contexts.
- Present in French unrehearsed oral presentations and unrehearsed written information of increased complexity as time on task increases.
- Present in French level-appropriate information using available technology.

### **GOAL 2 – CULTURES**

Gain Knowledge and Understanding of the Cultures of the Francophone World \*

#### **Standards**

2.1 Students demonstrate an understanding of the relationship among products, practices, and perspectives of the cultures studied.

2.2 Students demonstrate an awareness, acceptance, and appreciation of diverse cultures.

**FII.2.IP: Cultures: Interpersonal**

- Ask and answer questions in French to identify the products, practices, and perspectives of francophone cultures that are topic- and level-appropriate.
- Exchange information in French about changes that have occurred over time in products, practices, and perspectives of francophone cultures.

**FII.2.IR: Cultures: Interpretive**

- Identify in French the products, practices, and perspectives of francophone cultures that are topic- and level-appropriate in varied materials.
- Identify in French different products, practices, and perspectives among francophone cultures that relate to familiar and new topics.

**FII.2.P: Cultures: Presentational**

- Identify in French the impact of selected contributions and historical influences of francophone cultures upon today's world.
- Compare in French cultural practices and perspectives among francophone cultures.

## **GOAL 3 – CONNECTIONS**

Use French to Connect with Other Disciplines and Expand Knowledge \*

### **Standards**

- 3.1 Students reinforce and expand their knowledge of other disciplines through the study of French.
- 3.2 Students acquire information and recognize the distinctive viewpoints that are only available through the study of French and its cultures.

**FII.3.IP: Connections: Interpersonal**

- Exchange ideas in French about the connections between French and other subject areas.

**FII.3.IR: Connections: Interpretive**

- Identify in French connections between French and other subject areas in authentic materials.

**FII.3.P: Connections: Presentational**

- Present information in French that highlights connections between French and other subject areas.

## **GOAL 4 – COMPARISONS**

Develop Insight through French into the Nature of Language and Culture \*

### **Standards**

- 4.1 Students demonstrate understanding of the nature of language through comparisons of French and their own language.
- 4.2 Students demonstrate understanding of the concept of culture through comparisons of the francophone cultures studied and their own culture.

#### FII.4.IP: Comparisons: Interpersonal

- Compare in French topic-related current and past events that occur in francophone cultures with those that occur in their own culture.

#### FII.4.IR: Comparisons: Interpretive

- Identify in French topic-related current and past events in francophone cultures and in their own culture.

#### FII.4.P: Comparisons: Presentational

- Present in French their own ideas on the comparisons of topic-related current and past events in francophone cultures and in their own culture.

## **GOAL 5 – COMMUNITIES**

Use French to Participate in Multilingual Communities at Home and Around the World \*

### **Standards**

- 5.1 Students use French for meaningful purposes both within and beyond the school setting.
- 5.2 Students explore opportunities to use French for personal growth and career goals at home and abroad.

#### FII.5.IP: Communities: Interpersonal

- Exchange information in French about the advantages of using French in business and travel.

#### FII.5.IR: Communities: Interpretive

- Identify francophone businesses that are successful in the global community.

#### FII.5.P: Communities: Presentational

- Summarize in French the advantages of being able to use French when pursuing career opportunities.

\* Task Force of the National Standards in Foreign Language Education Project. (1999). *Standards for foreign language learning in the 21st century*. Lawrence, Kansas: Allen Press.



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