

COURSE SYLLABUS – GRADE 8 FRENCH

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GENERAL OVERVIEW:

Continuation of the level 1 course from the previous year. At the 8th grade level, the class will meet everyday in order to provide additional practice at the introductory level 1 and to construct a strong base for further study, particularly to prepare students for the Proficiency Exam which will take place at the end of the year.

COURSE OBJECTIVE:

During this course students will continue to develop basic skills for listening, speaking, reading and writing French at the appropriate level required by the State of New York and by the learning standards. Students will review the grammatical concepts studied during 7th grade and also the possessive adjectives, prepositions, possessions with “de”, contractions with “au” et “du”, comparative form, irregular verbs as “Faire”, “Vouloir” and “Pouvoir” and verbs ending in –r, –re and –ir. Students will be able to use a language other than English for communication and will develop cross-cultural understanding.

MAJOR UNITS TAUGHT:

Review of the 4 units studied in 7th grade.

Unit 5: Travelling

Unit 6: Sports

Unit 7: Seasons and activities

Unit 8: Leisure and cultural events

Unit 9: Health and medicine

TEXTS/MATERIALS USED

Students will need a composition book and a three ring binder with a side pocket to keep their homework and the quizzes/tests done in class. They also must bring 2 pens (black or blue) and 2 pencils to every class. We will be using as a textbook “Bon voyage!”, Glencoe French 1, McGraw Hill Publishing, chapter 8 to 14.

HOMEWORK POLICY:

Homework will be given at the end of each class. Each student is responsible for his/her own homework. Homework assignment will be checked and corrected at the beginning of the following class. Failure to complete homework will lower the final grade of the student. Students who are absent from school during the previous French class, may hand in their homework during the proximate French class period without any penalty.

METHOD OF COMMUNICATION WITH PARENTS AND STUDENTS:

Parents may call me at school, leave a message or make an appointment at : 816-3350 Ext.:309. They could also contact me by e-mail at: abillet@buffaloschools.org. I am also available during the school day for students who need extra help.