

**French IV Syllabus**  
**Elmwood High School**

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**Course Textbook:** Bon Voyage! – Level 3  
French Four Years Workbook  
Le Petit Prince – Antoine de Saint-Exupéry

**Course Description:**

French IV is a review and continuation of French I, II, and III with a major emphasis on conversational proficiency. Vocabulary will be at a much higher level to enable them to communicate better through oral and written communication. Students will read newspaper and magazine articles and compose essays in French about the readings. Students in this class will read the classic, Le Petit Prince by Antoine de Saint-Exupéry. This is a weighted class, so classroom expectations will be much higher in this class.

**Prerequisites:** Completion of French I, French II, and French III with a grade of "C" or better.

**Learning Objectives:**

- Understand details of oral presentations.
- Engage in extended conversations in French.
- Express differences of meaning using proper pronunciation, intonation, and voice inflection.
- Comprehend key vocabulary as well as the main message of complex written materials.
- Compose expository essays which include detailed description and analysis for a variety of situations.
- Make oral presentations in French.
- Analyze and understand main ideas from French media in relation to everyday life.
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**Student Responsibilities:**

- **Homework:** Practice is the best way to improve your French! You will have some kind of assignment most class periods, and you will usually be given time at the end of the class period to bring your assignment. During that time, I will be available to help you with any problems you might have.
- Students are expected to complete work as assigned on a timely basis. Late work will not be accepted except in the case of an excused absence.

## **Grading:**

Grading will follow the policy of Elmwood High School

A+	100%
A	94% - 99%
A-	92% - 93%
B+	90% - 91%
B	85% - 89%
B-	83% - 84%
C+	81% - 82%
C	76% - 80%
C-	74% - 75%
D+	72% - 73%
D	67% - 71%
D-	65% - 66%
F	64% and below

The number of points you earn in this class will determine your grade. The number of points possible will vary each grading period. Throughout the grading period, you will receive points for the following:

1. Completed homework assignments
2. Effort & Oral Participation – 75 points possible
  - You will earn effort points based on the following:
    - Contribution to the learning community through active class participation
    - Cooperative attitude
    - Coming to class prepared with textbook, paper, pens/pencils, French notebook and completed homework assignment
  - You will earn oral participation points based on the following:
    - Willingness to speak French in class
    - Improvement! The more you speak in class, the easier it will be and the more you will improve.
    - Responsiveness to questions asked in class (in French!)
3. Quizzes (between 25 and 60 points)
4. Quests (between 60 and 90 points)
5. Tests (worth 90 or more points)
6. Extra Credit
  - Each grading period you will have the opportunity to earn extra credit points.
  - You never know when you might need them, so I strongly encourage all students to do extra credit when they have the opportunity!

Your grade for the grading period will be calculated by dividing the number of points you have earned by the total number of points possible, which will be expressed by percentage. You will receive a letter grade based on your percentage earned according to the Elmwood High School grading scale.

### **Classroom Rules and Behavioral Expectations:**

- Always try your best!
- Be respectful of everyone in our classroom.
- Ask for help when you need it. I will do everything I can to help you earn the best possible grade in this class.
- Come to class prepared.
- Please be in your seat ready to learn when the bell rings.
- All food and drink should be consumed in the school cafeteria...  
Please do not bring food or drink into Room 111.
- Your French pronunciation will be much better without gum in your mouth –  
Please...no gum chewing in class!
- Have Fun!

### **Helpful Hints:**

- Study your French before every class period.
- Learning a foreign language involves cumulative learning. Every chapter in our text and every concept we learn builds on something we have already gone over in class. If you fall behind, it can sometimes be difficult to catch up.
- Stay current with homework.
- Stay organized! I believe that the better organized you are, the better your results in class will be.
- Ask for help! If you are confused or need extra help, I am here to help you!