

COURSE TITLE: AP French Language and Culture

GRADE LEVEL: 12th Grade

Course Description:

The AP French Language and Culture course emphasizes communication (understanding and being understood by others) by applying interpersonal, interpretive, and presentational skills in real-life situations. This includes vocabulary usage, language control, communication strategies, and cultural awareness. To best facilitate the study of language and culture, the course is taught almost exclusively in French.

The AP French Language and Culture course engages students in an exploration of culture in both contemporary and historical contexts. The course develops students' awareness and appreciation of cultural products (e.g., tools, books, music, laws, conventions, institutions); practices (patterns of social interactions within a culture); and perspectives (values, attitudes, and assumptions).

Course Rationale:

The Advanced Placement Program enables willing and academically prepared students to pursue college-level studies — with the opportunity to earn college credit, advanced placement, or both — while still in high school. In today's global community, competence in more than one language is an essential part of communication and cultural understanding. Study of another language not only provides individuals with the ability to express thoughts and ideas for their own purposes, but also provides them with access to perspectives and knowledge that is only available through the language and culture. The proficiencies acquired through the study of languages and literatures endow language learners with cognitive, analytical, and communication skills that carry over into many other areas of their academic studies

Course Scope and Sequence			
<u>Unit 1</u> Families and Communities	<u>Unit 2</u> Science and Technology	<u>Unit 3</u> Contemporary Life	<u>Unit 4</u> Beauty and Aesthetics
<u>Unit 5</u> Personal and Public Identities	<u>Unit 6</u> Global Challenges		

Unit Objectives

By the end of this course students will be able to:

- Engage in spoken interpersonal communication.
- Engage in written interpersonal communication.
- Synthesize information from a variety of authentic audio, visual, and audiovisual resources.
- Synthesize information from a variety of authentic written and print resources.
- Plan, produce, and present spoken presentational communications.
- Plan and produce written presentational communications.

Course Materials and Resources:

Instructional Resources:

- Ladd, Richard. *Allons au-delà: La langue et les cultures du monde francophone*. Pearson.
- Ladd, Richard. *AP French: Preparing for the Language and Culture Examination*. Pearson.