

Bonjour!

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6th and 8th
grade

French





20 years in the biz! 🤖

16 years in Clayton

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I have a 6 year old in first grade at a local St. Louis public school, an 8 year old German Shepherd, and my husband is from Israel and is a second language English speaker and Duolingo French learner.

I love traveling, reading, yoga and swimming and this summer I finally got on the pickleball wagon.

I learned Spanish in junior high and high school, and transitioned to French in college.

My parents were middle school math teachers, and that may be why I took a bit longer to receive the call to teach French (I needed to rebel a bit first!)



A typical class



Calendar talk

Lots of input to talk
about the date,
weather, seasons and
more



Reading

Silent reading for 5 to 10
minutes
Students choose a French
book or magazine



Main lesson

This looks different every
day, but may include:
notes, partner work, videos,
games, worksheets

Themes

6th Grade

Getting to know each other

Sharing our hobbies and pastimes

Family

School day

Global music

Paris

7th grade

Food and restaurants

Shopping

House and chores

Places around town

Travel

Global music

Regions of France

8th Grade

Getting to know each other

Global holidays

Food and cooking

Global music

Daily routine

Childhood

Read every day

The more you read, the better you read -- Dr. Stephen Krashen

Duolingo every day

My husband is proof that just a little practice each day makes a big difference over time.

Teach at home

Ask your child specific questions about what they are studying -- instead of saying "Tell me something in French", ask what theme we are working with and if they can teach you something from class

Practice tips



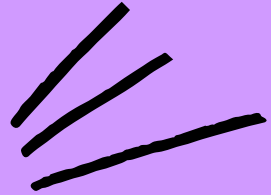
And most importantly

Come to class and stay engaged

Missing one 85 minute class is like missing 2 classes. Students will often ask “what’s the homework” if they will be absent, but there is not a lot of official homework in French class. We do A LOT of work during our 85 minutes, and most of it cannot easily be replicated at home. We do group work, speaking practice, guided writing practice, and games. Students work hard for our 85 minutes together, and the best possible scenario is that they attend school regularly.

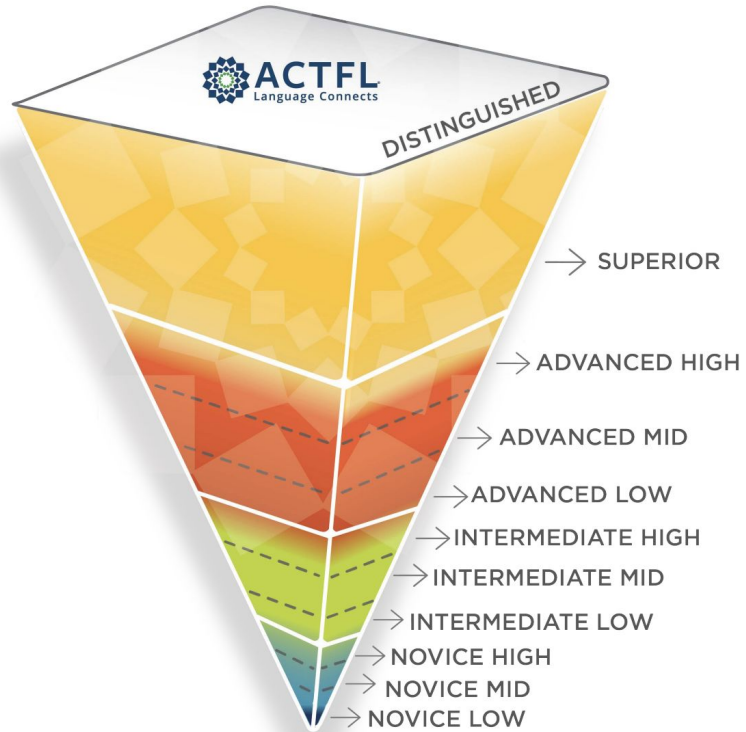
Practice tips

Manage expectations!



We are working on moving from Novice
Low in 6th grade to Novice High/
Intermediate by 8th grade

ACTFL Inverted Pyramid



The long sequence of French in Clayton

6th and 7th grade
French is similar
to taking French 1
at CHS

8th grade
French is
similar to
French 2 at
CHS

Students who
successfully complete
3 years of middle
school French may take
French 3 Freshman
year

Some students may
take French 2 as
freshman in order to
strengthen their
foundation

High school trajectory for
students who take French 3
as Freshman
Freshman yr – French 3
Sophomore yr – French 4
Junior yr – Advanced French
Senior yr – AP or French
cinéma and conversation

Why study
French



over 300 million
speakers on 5
continents



Travel and culture

They'll be a lot nicer to you in Paris if you start
with Bonjour!



Job opportunities

Nestlé, Inbev, BMO Harris Bank, Royal Canin,
teacher, tour guide, docent, translator, military
and more!



And most importantly...

...study French for pleasure



Learning a new language is a special gift. A career or educational goal does not have to be the sole reason for learning. Languages help us learn more about ourselves and about other cultures. They provide us with new perspectives. Enjoy the journey!

A few reminders

Phones should be put away

Please contact the office if you have an urgent matter

Check Google Classroom

Class agendas and assignments are posted regularly

Daily practice

Duolingo, reading, watching music videos or switching your language settings on Netflix to French are all great ways to practice

Always reach out to me with questions, concerns, fact checking, verifying homework, etc

Communication of grades and class work

PowerSchool

I update PS regularly. Be sure to check comments and assignment descriptions

Be sure to check to see if there are any comments under and assignment

Check Google Classroom

Check the "to do" list -- I usually include due dates

Grading categories

Prep and practice – might be tracked in PS, but does not apply toward grade calculation

Class assignments – may be homework or work done in class, this is graded and counts toward grade calculation

Assessments – in class and count toward grade calculation

Merci, et bonne nuit!

Please contact me with any questions or to arrange a meeting:

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