



# INTERNATIONAL STUDIES FRENCH

Kindergarten  
Course 006220  
Course Syllabus



This syllabus is designed to inform parents of kindergarten students of the World Language Standards, course materials, student requirements, benchmarks, instructional pacing, and assessments required for success in the *IS French Kindergarten* course.

## GOALS FOR WORLD LANGUAGE STANDARDS

Overall goals of the PPS International Studies students of French

1. **Communicate** at the “Distinguished” \* level or higher.
2. Relate **cultural** information at the “Distinguished” level or higher.
3. Communicate with people in French-speaking **communities** at the “Distinguished” level or higher.

## COURSE DESCRIPTION

The sequential Scope and Sequence and Curriculum developed by teachers of the Pittsburgh Public Schools begins in kindergarten and continues through grade 5. The kindergarten course emphasizes listening and speaking. Whenever possible, connections are made to other kindergarten subject areas. The French class meets a minimum of 40 minutes a day.

## STUDENT REQUIREMENTS

Students taking this course will be expected to:

- come to class prepared to work.
- pay attention in class. Focus on classroom instruction.
- participate actively in small and large group oral language practice.
- ask questions if they do not understand.
- study, practice, and learn new words and phrases.
- review vocabulary and class work a little each day.
- use what they have learned to speak French with their teacher and classmates.
- do homework, complete assignments, and satisfactorily pass quizzes and tests.
- use library and/or computer resources to reinforce classroom activities as appropriate.
- attend class in compliance with the school district attendance policy.

\* See page 4 for a description of levels

## CONTENT PERFORMANCE BENCHMARKS

Academic Standards	Content	Learning Indicators
	By the end of Kindergarten, students will know:	By the end of Kindergarten, students will be able to:
<b>Communicate in French</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Interpersonal (speaking/writing)</li> <li>▪ Interpretive (listening/reading)</li> <li>▪ Presentational (to an audience)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ colors</li> <li>▪ shapes</li> <li>▪ numbers to 100</li> <li>▪ classroom items</li> <li>▪ animals</li> <li>▪ parts of the body</li> <li>▪ days of the week and months</li> <li>▪ weather</li> <li>▪ alphabet</li> <li>▪ clothing</li> <li>▪ food</li> <li>▪ family members</li> <li>▪ rooms of the house</li> <li>▪ feelings</li> <li>▪ community buildings</li> <li>▪ community workers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ respond with words and memorized phrases</li> <li>▪ list, recite, and name at the word level</li> <li>▪ ask and respond to simple questions</li> <li>▪ understand and perform commands and requests (follow directions)</li> <li>▪ make simple comparisons</li> <li>▪ perform a song, tongue twister, or rhyme</li> <li>▪ give a simple presentation</li> <li>▪ listen to and retell folktales</li> </ul>
Relate <b>cultural</b> information of French -speaking countries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ basic appropriate social conventions (greetings, leave taking)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ demonstrate appropriate cultural practices</li> </ul>
Communicate with individuals from French -speaking <b>communities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ foods</li> <li>▪ feelings</li> <li>▪ clothing</li> <li>▪ weather</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ ask and respond to simple questions</li> <li>▪ demonstrate appropriate cultural practices</li> </ul>

## CONTENT PACING GUIDE

First Semester	Second Semester
▪ greet and bid farewell	▪ name 5 articles of clothing
▪ introduce self	▪ identify at least 10 food items
▪ name 12 colors, numbers 0-100, and basic shapes and use in context	▪ ask/tell favorite colors and animals
▪ skip count by 2s, 5s, and 10s	▪ name immediate family members and 5 common pets
▪ name at least 5 classroom vocabulary words	▪ name 6 rooms in a house
▪ name at least 10 animals	▪ tell how they feel
▪ identify at least 10 body parts	▪ name 5 modes of transportation
▪ name the days of the week and months of the year by rote	▪ name 5 workers in the community
▪ identify daily weather	▪ name 5 buildings in the community
▪ say/recognize the French alphabet	▪ say where they are going around the school
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ use French for daily routines—tell date, weather, where they are going...</li> <li>▪ listen to, respond to, and retell folktales</li> <li>▪ talk and ask about likes/dislikes</li> <li>▪ identify cultural similarities and differences</li> <li>▪ say rhymes and/or sing songs</li> <li>▪ express needs for the class--ask to go to the bathroom; ask for a pencil, paper, eraser...</li> </ul>	

The course stresses speaking and listening skills. Beginning reading and writing skills will be introduced through whole class activities.

## **STUDENT ASSESSMENT**

### ***EIS French Kindergarten Assessment***

Teacher-made tests might include: following teacher directions using classroom objects, identifying/drawing pictures, answering oral questions, and matching simple words and pictures.

### **Assessment Examples**

The following are examples of performance-based tasks that may be used to assess listening comprehension, speaking, reading, and/or writing. Students will:

- make a short presentation about day, date, and the weather. (speaking)
- listen to a folktale and answer oral questions. (listening comprehension)
- as a class, read an experience chart (written by the class) about pets and draw a related picture. (reading)
- as a class, write an experience chart about pets. (writing)

### **Assessment Checklist**

Student progress in demonstrating the ability to speak French will be marked on the *PPS Novice/Proficient Level Checklist* that corresponds with the topics listed above. The checklist may be used by students, teachers, and parents to see what students have learned in relation to the World Language Speaking (Communication) Standard.

### **PPS ORALS Assessment**

Students in a sequential K-5 French program will be tested at the end of grade 5 to determine their level of speaking ability on the *PPS Online Ratings Assessment for Language Students (PPS ORALS)*. Student speech samples will be rated according to a national scale. It is expected that students in a six-year sequential program will attain a “Proficient” rating or better. For a description of rating please see *PPS ORALS Proficiency Scale* on the following page.

## PPS ORALS PROFICIENCY SCALE

IS/IB GOALS	AUDIENCE	RESPONSE TYPES	TOPICS	GRAMMAR
<b>Distinguished (IH)</b> IS/IB Grade 12	Can generally be understood even by those not accustomed to dealing with language learners	Responds using some simple paragraph-like discourse, begins to narrate, describe, summarize, and compare or contrast--but cannot sustain it	Handles uncomplicated communicative tasks, can initiate, sustain, and close a general conversation about many different concrete topics	Converses 60% of the time in paragraph-like connected discourse in the past, present, and near future time; uses comparative expressions
<b>Proficient Plus (IM)</b> IS Grade 8	Can be understood by a native speaker who is used to dealing with language learners	Responds by creating a variety of sentences and questions, can sustain basic communicative tasks and participate in short conversations	Handles a variety of social situations and basic survival topics, e.g., courtesy/socials requirements, such as: accepting/ refusing invitations, greeting / introductions, making meeting arrangements	Creates sentences; gives and asks for information in the present tense; <u>begins</u> to include past and future tenses; uses negation, noun/adjective agreement, and subject/verb agreement
<b>Proficient (IL)</b> IS Grade 5	Can be understood by someone who is used to dealing with language learners	Responds by creating a variety of simple sentences and questions, can minimally sustain simple, basic communicative tasks	Handles a limited number of social situations and basic survival topics, e.g., order meal, ask directions, get transportation, get a hotel room	Creates simple sentences, gives and asks for information in the present tense; uses some negation, some noun/adjective agreement, and some subject/verb agreement
<b>Partially Proficient (NH)</b> IS Grade 3	Can be understood with limited difficulty by someone who is used to dealing with language learners	Responds by creating some simple sentences but still relies heavily on learned material, no real autonomy of expression	Talks about self in a limited way, identify basic objects, places, some kinship terms	Creates very simple sentences at least 60% of the time with limited subject/verb agreement
<b>Novice Mid (NM)</b> IS Grade 2	May be difficult to understand even by listeners who are very sympathetic to language learners	Responds with words and memorized phrases, some recombined sentences, lists, naming (50-60), songs, rhymes	Produces memorized vocabulary in basic contexts, e.g., numbers, colors, dates, pets, clothes, weather, activities, time, sports, greetings, foods, family, workers	Enumerates; lists words and phrases, names, recites, says memorized sentences; demonstrates recombining of sentences; demonstrates little or no grammatical usage
<b>Novice Low (NL)</b> IS Grade 1	Is very difficult to understand even by listeners who are very sympathetic to language learners	Responds with isolated words and a few memorized phrases (15-20), some songs, rhymes	Produces limited vocabulary in very limited contexts	Produces vocabulary at the word level, no evidence of correct grammatical usage
<b>No Rating</b>	Student demonstrates no ability to use the second language or non-ratable sample			

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