

## **WORLD LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT COURSE SYLLABUS**

**Course Title:** French, German, Spanish

**Department:** World Language

**Primary Course Materials:**

Resources:

*Bien Dit* textbook 1,2,3, 2008 and ancillaries: workbooks, assessment program, audio program, video program, and reader (French textbooks)

Deutsch Aktuell textbook 2004, EMC Paradigm and ancillaries: workbooks, assessment program, audio program, video program, and reader (German textbooks)

Realidades, Prentice Hall, 2008, Levels 1,2,3 and ancillaries: workbooks, assessment program, audio program, video program, and reader (Spanish textbooks)

Internet resources and Web 2.0 tools

### **Classroom Supplies**

The student will need to provide a notebook, notebook paper, writing instrument, index cards and a dictionary (optional).

**Course Description:** This course is designed to expose students to the language and cultures of the French, German and Spanish-speaking worlds. Students will develop proficiency in the four modalities of language learning: listening, speaking, reading, and writing. In highly structured and contextualized situations, students will learn to ask and answer questions as they learn to communicate about themselves, their families, and their friends. Students will respond to oral and written prompts about their daily lives and responsibilities. There is a strong emphasis on vocabulary acquisition and verb conjugation at these levels. Students will be exposed to authentic material and various media sources in the target language. French, German and Spanish will be used as much as possible during classroom instruction (please refer to ACTFL World Language Pyramid link).

**Grading Scale: This grading scale is determined by Mobile County Public School Systems.**

Tests and Major Projects: 60 %

Quizzes and Minor Projects: 30 %

Classroom Participation and Homework: 10%

### **Classroom Fees and Explanation of Fees**

Each year, our students participate in the National Foreign Language Exam. There are fees of \$7 per student.

Students are awarded prizes (sometimes in money) who win awards from these exams. As a result of these fees and the workbook fees, we ask students to pay a foreign language fee to their teacher of \$10 by check, cash or money order.

**Learning Skills Objectives:** Refer to ACTFL Global Can-Do Benchmarks

### **Assessment of Knowledge**

The student will be assessed daily and weekly using the following assessments: oral participation, daily or weekly quizzes (vocabulary and grammar), speaking assessments, listening assessments and one test per chapter.

Assessments may also include homework and projects. Students will also be assessed when watching a film associated with the culture and language studied.

### **Attendance**

Daily attendance is required for optimal progress. You should make every effort to be on time for class. Absences in a foreign language class could be more detrimental than in other classes, given the need for a teacher to explain, pronounce and drill the material.