

Welcome to Russian 1-2!

Franklin High School

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Class time: Day B, period 5.

What we cover this year:

- Learn to read, write, and pronounce the Cyrillic alphabet
- Make and respond to greetings, introductions and leave takings
- Provide basic personal information, identify family
- Conjugate conjugation I verbs in present tense
- Decline nouns in nominative, prepositional, and accusative cases.
- Use familiar vocabulary in context; Give simple descriptions
- Provide information about everyday activities
- Answer predictable questions with memorized responses.
- Count from 0-100; Give the days of the week, date and month
- Distinguish differences between simple opposites
- Perform simple commands
- Express simple ideas using memorized phrases and sentences
- Recognize a few tangible products of the target culture
- Participate through imitation in age-appropriate cultural activities
- Investigate Russian History and cultural practices.

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Requirements

Students will need to work hard toward being a fluent Russian speaker, attend class every day, participate in class activities with a positive attitude, do assigned work, practice, and study.

They should maintain an organized Russian binder and Notebook, be respectful to their classmates and teacher.

They should not bring cell phones, Ipods, Ipads, or MP3 players to class. They will be confiscated if not “off and away”! (see student planner/handbook p. 32).

I strongly recommend that students practice some Russian every day (at least 15 minutes per day). This can be doing homework, practicing vocabulary, talking to a friend in Russian,

listening to Russian music, using the website www.languageguide.org/russian, www.digitaldialects.com/Russian.htm, or many other activities.

Grades will be based on the following criteria:

- **Homework:** 30%
- **Quizzes and tests:** 40%
- **Projects and reading:** 10%
- **Participation Activities:** 20%

Homework

Students will receive homework sheets/assignments in class and they will be due the next class period or when specified by the teacher. Practically all the assignments will be also published in Google Classroom. Students need to check it regularly, especially if they miss the class. If homework is late, points are lost. Homework must be completed by the start of class!

Quizzes and tests:

Students will usually have a quiz every two to three weeks. Students can always retake a quiz for a better grade (maximum B), but they cannot retake a final exam. Students who have an overall grade more than 93% will be excused from the final exam.

Projects:

Students will be doing several projects this year; some on Russian Culture. Others will reflect material we've covered. Some will be just writing; others will be performing or presenting.

Participation Activities:

This category is extremely important. This part of their grade will be based on overall contribution to this classroom community. We will be using stamp sheets, and sometimes I will make marks directly in my gradebook. We will be doing some speaking activities, as well as writing. Warm-ups for those activities will be a big part of the participation grade as well as classroom speaking activities.

Other Policies:

3 hall passes/quarter. No one in 1st or last 15 minutes. One person at a time.

Absences must be excused for you to make up homework fully or take tests.

No gum! No food or beverages other than water.

There are warnings and Restorative Justice required conversations and actions for disruptive behavior, including swearing.

If you write on a desk, you clean all the desks.

Supplies:

- *Russian-English dictionary
- *3-ring binder with dividers
- *Composition notebook
- *Textbook: Russian Face to Face, Level 1 (we will occasionally refer to this book, don't bring it to class unless asked)
- * Paper and writing utensils
- * Colored pens, markers, highlighters
- *Glue stick

Note: We are fortunate to have an exchange program with Gymnasiya #5 in Khabarovsk, our Sister City in Russia, my native town (in the Russian Far East, near Japan). Our next trip starts mid-March 2020. Our visiting students will next be coming in the fall of 2020, and staying with Franklin families. Please let me know if you would like to host!

This exchange alternates school years, with Khabarovsk students coming here for a few weeks, and some of our students of Russian going there for a couple of weeks.

We have a beautiful newly remodeled building. Please help take care of it!

Thank you, Mrs. Surits/Зоя Михайловна Суриц/Zoya Mikhailovna Surits