Arabic 1-4, 2015-16 Honors Mr. Mohamed Danja mdanja@cps.edu

Learning activities: writing, speaking, reading, and listening exercises; mini-grammar presentations, note-taking, class discussions, dialogues, role-plays, audio-visual, extended readings, essays, poetry, songs, journal entries, projects, art, music, videos, debates, and student presentations. This course will be taught primarily in Arabic, as immersion is the most efficient way to learn a language.

Materials needed in class daily:

3 Ring Binder with Loose leaf paper. Pencil, Pen and Eraser. Points will be deducted **(-10 points)** from your participation grade when class materials are missing.

Suggested materials:

1. Notecards 2. English/Arabic Picture Dictionary

Evaluation: Students will be evaluated based on quizzes, unit tests, Oral Exams, Quarter exams, homework assignments, in-class activities, daily participation, portfolio, and projects.

Grading Scale:

A= 90 – 100	Class work, homework and participation	20 %
B = 80 - 89	Quizzes	20 %
C = 70 - 79	Projects	25 %
D = 60 - 69	Exams including Tests, Midterm, Final and Oral Exams	35%
F = 0 - 59	- -	

Participation is an <u>essential</u> part of learning a language. Students must be present in order to participate, therefore, regular attendance will play an important role in your participation grade. Participation means more than simply responding to the teacher's questions, it also includes:

- Coming to class on time with all of the required materials (see below)
- Involvement in whole class, small group, and individual activities.
- Following instructions and completing in-class assignments.
- Respecting your classroom and the people around you.
- Asking thoughtful and appropriate questions.
- Using Arabic to communicate at all times.

Homework There will be a homework assignment every other day. Sometimes I will check homework. Other times I will collect, grade and assign a higher point value to it. Homework needs to be done daily, it is not optional. Homework may be checked at random. You are to keep your homework in an Arabic folder. If you are absent the day a homework assignment is due, you will receive "0" points for that assignment. If the assignment was not returned to the class, then you may be able to turn it in. If you come to class without your assignment, you will receive "0" points (no excuses).

workbook pages= 1 pt other assignments: 10-40 pts

Quizzes and tests will be based on the material presented in class. Students will be made aware of quiz and test dates. Quizzes generally reflect **1-5** days worth of material covered in class. If you are absent on the day of a quiz/test, you will have to make it up within a week after you return. If you have an extended absence,

see me after school to arrange a time that I can tutor you on what you missed. There will be regular **pop quizzes**.

Projects, presentations & other: students will be given a rubric for every project, presentation or in-class assignment.

Portfolio: students are required to keep an Arabic folder and notebook. Notebooks are to be used for note-taking and journal entries. The portfolio will be checked and graded each marking period, often unannounced. Grading will be based on organization, completeness and neatness.

Classroom Rules:

- 1. Wear your ID
- 2. **RESPECT** each other and your classroom. Leave your classroom better than it was!
- 3. Follow instructions
- 4. Remain seated unless given permission
- 5. No food or chewing gum

Behavioral Expectations: Only speak when given permission. Cell phones are not to be used in class. Students disrespecting the teacher or their peers will receive the following disciplinary action:

- 1. <u>ONE</u> verbal or written warning/eye contact. Any reoccurrence will result in a Parent Contact.
- 2. Participation points lost for the day, possible seat change.
- 3. Misconduct report written for consistent misbehavior / referral to the discipline office.

Attendance policy: Students who arrive late are required to have a Pass. Students who are absent must have a note from the Attendance office in order for it to count as an <u>Excused Absence</u>. Notes from home are not Excused Absences. Each unexcused absence will result in **"O"** (Zero) **Participation points** for that day. Students with an unexcused Tardy will receive a deduction of Participation points. **Six or more absences** per semester will result in the reduction of one letter grade. All Student Handbook Rules apply. 3 Tardies to a class will be counted as one unexcused absence (cut).

- Students who are absent from class need to check the website for missed assignments or check with a classmate, and must hand in all of the assignments on the day they return to school. (Get a classmate's number!)
- In case of an extended absence, students are responsible for contacting the teacher and arranging a plan to complete all the assignments.

Tutoring: Failing students are required to attend tutoring for extra credit.

Additional information:

Feel free to see me after school about anything you'd like to talk about. I believe in having an open communication. Your parents are free to email me, as well. Consult my web page for homework assignments and course information.

Reminders for Success:

^{*}Failure to have an ID will be result in "-5" Participation points each time.

Organization is essential to success in any class. You must bring your binder/folder and book to class every day... preparedness is required.

Trying your best means volunteering frequently, following directions, doing your homework, cooperating with others, having a positive attitude and assisting your teacher in making the class run smoother

To learn a language you must take risks and be prep	pared to make mistakes. Name	Period:
Homework assignment #1	10 points	
I have read and I understand the Course Rules at at all times. Any issues I may encounter through Danja in order to have a positive academic and s	out the year, I agree to discuss them pr	•
Dear Parent, The best way to contact me is via email. All homev my website. Feel free to email me anytime.	work, notes and important information	is found on
Mr. Mohamed Danja mdanja@cps.edu		
Student name (print)	Parent (print)	_
Student signature	Parent signature	
Date	Parent day-time phone number	
	Parent evening phone number	
Check below that you see Mr. Danja's website addre	Parent email address ess. Email me if you need any help.	
Mr.Danja's website address:		