

Department Name: Department of Modern Languages

Grade level: 8

Title of Course: Grade 8 French

Duration: September 2024 - June 2025

Teacher (s): Mr. Roberts, Ms. Dawes, Ms. Polson

Hours of instruction: 3 x 55 minutes sessions per week

Required student materials:

1. Tricolore 2 5e edition Grammar in Action
2. Tricolore 5e edition - (**Sylvia Honnor et al**)
Book 2
3. French Dictionary
4. Notebook & vocabulary book

Description of the Course:

This Grade 8 French course is designed to introduce students to the foundational elements of the French language and Francophone cultures, with a particular emphasis on developing communication skills in listening, speaking, reading, and writing. Through interactive lessons and activities, students will build a basic vocabulary and understanding of essential grammar, allowing them to engage in simple conversations about everyday topics such as home and family life, school and career, health and hobbies, while incorporating diverse teaching methods to enhance language acquisition and cultural understanding.

Course Prerequisites:

Completion of the grade 7 French course or equivalent knowledge of basic French grammar and vocabulary is recommended. Students should have a foundational understanding of French sentence structure, regular verb conjugation in the present tense.

Course Objectives:

Upon completion of this course, students will have the ability to:

- Communicate with basic proficiency in French on topics such as: home and family, food, descriptions, school and career, health, and cultural discussions.
- Understand and interpret spoken and written French through diverse media.
- Write coherent and grammatically correct French texts, including dialogues, paragraphs and simple letters.
- Read aloud and speak French with basic proficiency

- Demonstrate cultural awareness of Francophone countries and their contributions to global culture.

Student Learning Outcomes:

Students will be able to:

- Engage in basic conversations in French, using appropriate vocabulary and grammar.
- Comprehend and analyze French audio and written materials, answering questions accurately.
- Produce well-structured written work in French, including letters, descriptive, narrative and expository texts.
- Discuss cultural practices in Francophone societies.

Topical Outline of the Course Content:

1. Health
 - Vocabulary: Body parts, aches, ailments
 - Grammar: Present tense, Avoir expressions
2. Sports and recreation:
 - Vocabulary: Sports, hobbies, musical instruments
 - Grammar: Present tense, Faire versus Jouer, Jouer au versus Jouer du/de la/ de l'/des
 - Culture: Greeting (Kiss on the cheek)
3. School life
 - Vocabulary: Subjects, Days of the week, extracurricular activities, Numbers
 - Grammar: Present Tense, parce que versus pourquoi, Telling time
 - Culture: French education system
4. Career
 - Vocabulary: Professions, family members,
 - Grammar: Present tense with stem-changing, accent grave and double consonant verbs
5. Food
 - Vocabulary: Food, Meal times, dishes, Different Kinds of French Shops, Numbers, Quantities
 - Grammar: Present Tense with irregular verbs, Partitive articles
 - Expressions: Making requests
 - Culture: French restaurant menus and courses

Guidelines/Suggestions for Teaching Methods and Student Learning Activities:

Lectures:

- Provide contextual background and detailed analysis of each topic.
- Use multimedia presentations to illustrate key concepts and grammar rules.

Group Discussions:

- Facilitate discussions on various topics such as cultural practices, current events, and personal experiences in French-speaking contexts.
- Encourage students to express their opinions and engage in debates.

Document Analysis:

- Students analyze French texts, audio recordings, and videos to develop listening and reading comprehension skills.
- Examine documents related to cultural and historical topics for deeper understanding.

Field Trips:

- Arrange visits to local French cultural events or French-speaking communities to experience the language in context.

Differentiated Instruction:

- Tailor instruction to accommodate diverse learning styles and proficiency levels, offering additional support where needed.
- Use varied activities to engage all students, including visual, auditory, and kinesthetic learners.

Lecture-Demonstration:

- Combine lectures with demonstrations of language use in real-life situations.
- Show examples of the French language in context, such as advertisements, recipes, or travel brochures.

Peer Teaching:

- Students prepare and deliver mini-lessons or presentations to their peers, reinforcing their own learning and fostering collaborative skills.

Socratic Method:

- Employ thought-provoking questions to stimulate critical thinking and discussion.
- Encourage students to question assumptions and explore different perspectives in their responses.

Guidelines/Suggestions for Methods of Student Evaluation:

- Vocabulary Quizzes

- Reading Comprehension
- Listening Comprehension
- Cloze passages
- Grammar Worksheets
- Letter writing
- Paragraph writing
- Contextual Dialogue completion
- Role-play activities
- Conversation Questions
- Written and Oral Responses to Situations
- Reading/ Pronunciation Exercises
- Homework Assignments
- Class Participation
- Audiovisual presentations
- Six weeks and End of year exams
- Group Projects such as online storyboards, comic strips
- Peer and Self Reviews
- Self-Grading

Suggested Readings, Texts, Objects of Study:

i. Core Textbook:

- “Encore Tricolore (5th edition)” by Heather Mascie-Taylor

ii. Core Workbook:

- “Encore Tricolore - Grammar in Action (5th edition)” by Heather Mascie-Taylor

Additional Readings:

- **BBC Bitesize - GCSE French:** Offers listening exercises tailored for exam preparation. www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z9dqxnb
- **Duolingo:** Provides interactive listening exercises to reinforce French vocabulary and grammar. www.duolingo.com

- **LanguageGuide.org** - French Vocabulary: Offers audio-based vocabulary practice for various topics. www.languageguide.org/french/vocabulary/
- **Quizlet**: Provides flashcards and listening activities to help memorize vocabulary and grammar rules. www.quizlet.com
- Lawless French: Offers differentiated lessons, exercises, quizzes, and tips for all levels of French. <https://www.lawlessfrench.com/>

Bibliography of Supportive Texts and Other Materials:

- “Grammaire Progressive du Français” by Maïa Grégoire and Odile Thiévenaz – Detailed grammar reference.
- “Vocabulaire Progressif du Français” by Jean-Jacques Rousseau – Thematic vocabulary building.

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