

## **French 8 Burnaby Online** **Course Overview for Students and Parents**

Bienvenue à la classe de Français 8! The general goal of this course is to build on previously learned concepts from previous French courses in elementary school, and to develop a level of proficiency in French language skills in four main communicative areas: reading, writing, speaking, and listening. It is the overall goal that students will be able to communicate in a second language in a variety of situations. In order to reach this goal, students will become competent in the language as much as possible.

Students this year will use a comprehensive program that will be further supplemented by other relevant resources. We will begin with a general review of basic concepts from grades 5-7 as we move through the study of the prescribed curriculum using the *Bien Dit* program. This program offers an integrative approach based on communicative objectives, linguistic components, along with cultural and educational activities.

### **Core Competencies**

Teaching and learning in this course will focus on the 6 major Core Competencies as per district and provincial curriculum guidelines. These 6 Core Competencies are:

**Communication:** How students exchange information, experiences and ideas.

**Creative Thinking:** How students generate new ideas and take them from thought to reality.

**Critical Thinking:** How students make judgements based on reasoning and available information.

**Positive Personal & Cultural Identity:** How students create healthy personal and cultural awareness in a pluralistic society.

**Personal Awareness & Responsibility:** How students develop awareness of skills and strategies to stay healthy both physically and mentally.

**Social Responsibility:** How students contribute positively to their families, community, society, and the environment.

### **Big Ideas**

French 8 is based on these big idea concepts:

- Listening and viewing with intent deepens our understanding of French
- We can express ourselves and talk about the world around us in French.
- With increased fluency in French, we can participate more actively in reciprocal interactions.
- Stories allow us to communicate ideas in a meaningful way.
- Creative works allow us to experience culture in an authentic way.
- Acquiring a new language and learning about another culture deepen our understanding of our own language and culture.

## **Learning Standards**

The activities in this course are designed to address the learning standards as outlined in the BC Ministry of Education's French 8 curriculum document. Learning Standards are organized into Core Competencies, Curricular Competencies, and Content Goals. Click the "Outcomes" link in the left side menu to read about these competencies in detail, or visit [www.curriculum.gov.bc.ca](http://www.curriculum.gov.bc.ca) to learn more.

## **Topics of Study & Areas of Focus**

The French 8 curriculum consists of completing the first 5 chapters of the *Bien Dit* online textbook. The course consists of the following units and themes:

Chapter 1 - Language Basics - greetings, classroom vocabulary

Chapter 2 - Likes and dislikes

Chapter 3 - Friendship and family

Chapter 4 - School and shopping

Chapter 5 - Sports and Leisure, weather

## **Assessment**

Your grade is split into two categories: coursework (70%) and tests (30%). You will complete all your coursework in Canvas and some quizzes.

## **Resources**

All learning materials required for this course are provided through the Canvas learning platform and the *Bien Dit* online textbook. You can access the textbook here: <https://my.hrw.com/index.jsp?url=http://my.hrw.com/tabnav/controller.jsp?isbn=0030797330>

## **General Expectations:**

Students are expected to login to their course in Canvas regularly and consistently to ensure that they are completing learning activities and submitting assignments regularly.

Students are encouraged to set aside time each day during the school week to work on their French 8 online course.

## **PLEASE NOTE:**

**THE USE OF COMPUTER TRANSLATORS IS NOT PERMITTED WITHIN LANGUAGES COURSES WITH BURNABY ONLINE.** Your teacher will recommend appropriate online dictionaries (such as Word Reference). However, the use of Google Translate and other translation sites is NOT PERMITTED! If your teacher suspects you have used a translator, you will be assigned a mark of 0 and you will be asked to redo the assignment.

I look forward to a wonderful year of learning with my students. Should you wish to contact me at any time during the school year, please do not hesitate to do so either by telephone at (604) 296-6890 (ext. 606204) or by email at [linda.cavaliere@burnabyschools.ca](mailto:linda.cavaliere@burnabyschools.ca).

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