

French 9 Burnaby Online **Course Overview for Students and Parents**

Bienvenue à la classe de Français 9! 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 grade 8 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 9 is based on these big idea concepts:

- Listening and viewing with intent supports our acquisition and understanding of French.
- We can have meaningful conversations in French about things that are important to us.
- We can share our experiences and perspectives through stories.
- Francophone creative works are expressions of Francophone cultures.

- Acquiring French provides opportunities to explore our own cultural identity from a new perspective.

Learning Standards

The activities in this course are designed to address the learning standards as outlined in the BC Ministry of Education's French 9 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 to learn more.

Topics of Study & Areas of Focus

The French 9 curriculum consists of completing the last 5 chapters of the *Bien Dit* online textbook. The course consists of the following units and themes:

Chapter 6 - Food, restaurant, eating meals, café

Chapter 7 - Shopping, exploring around town

Chapter 8 - Chores, home

Chapter 9 - Going downtown, errands

Chapter 10 - Vacation planning, going on vacation

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 9 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.

Sincerely,

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