**Course Outline**

**CORE FRENCH 9/10 (2017-2018)**

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First languages are learned orally first; afterwards, we learn to read and write. Our CORE FRENCH 9/10 course takes the same approach, by building foundations of conversation *while* proceeding to apply the same vocabulary and grammar in reading and writing. It combines the new British Columbia Provincial Curriculum with this conversation-based approach to learning.

Through discussion, debate, research, reading, and writing, we will explore student interests, Francophone culture, school identity, and the many opportunities that arise when speaking a second language. We will attend numerous field trips, as well as include students from other classes in our French Language learning through interactive games, theatre, and cultural activities.

By the end of the course, students should be able to:

* Listen and view with intent, strengthening their understanding and acquisition of French
* Have meaningful conversations about things that are important to them in French, while learning how language can shape identity
* Interpret and share knowledge, thoughts, feelings, and perspectives through the reading and writing of stories in French
* Connect Francophone culture to creative works by Francophones
* Acquire French that can provide opportunities to explore their own cultural identity from a new perspective, as well as opportunities to explore career, travel and personal growth

By the end of the course, students will be expected to know the following:

* French letter patterns
* Past, present, and future timeframes
* Elements of common types of texts
* Common elements of stories
* Cultural practices, traditions, and attitudes of various Francophone regions

Evaluation:

45% Oral Participation / Presentations / Assignments

20% Written Submissions / Presentations

20% Reading Comprehension Assignments

15% Final Exam (Oral Communication, Reading Comprehension, Writing)