



Ontario eSecondary School Course Outline 2026-2027

Ministry of Education Course Title: Core French, Grade 9	
Ministry Course Code: FSF10	
Course Type: Open	
Grade: 9	
Credit Value: 1.0	
Prerequisite(s): None	
Department: French	
Course developed by: Audrey Bruce	Date: September 25th, 2022
Length: One Semester	Hours: 110
This course has been developed based on the following Ministry documents: 1. <i>The Ontario Curriculum: French as a Second Language grade 9</i>, September, 2015 2. <i>Growing Success: Assessment, Evaluation, and Reporting in Ontario Schools</i> (2010) 3. <i>Learning for All</i> (2013)	

COURSE DESCRIPTION/RATIONALE

This is an introductory course for students who have little or no knowledge of French or who have not accumulated the minimum of 600 hours of elementary Core French instruction. Students will begin to understand and speak French in guided and structured interactive settings, and will develop fundamental skills in listening, speaking, reading, and writing through discussing issues and situations that are relevant to their daily lives. Throughout the course, students will develop their awareness of diverse French-speaking communities in Canada and acquire an understanding and appreciation of these communities. They will also develop a variety of skills necessary for lifelong language learning.

OVERALL CURRICULUM EXPECTATIONS

Listening

By the end of this course, students will:

1. Listening to Understand: determine meaning in a variety of authentic and adapted oral French texts, using a range of listening strategies;
2. Listening to Interact: interpret messages accurately while interacting in French for a variety of purposes and with diverse audiences;
3. Intercultural Understanding: demonstrate an understanding of information in oral French texts about aspects of culture in diverse French-speaking communities and other communities around the world, and of French sociolinguistic conventions used in a variety of situations and communities.

Reading

By the end of this course, students will:

1. Reading Comprehension: determine meaning in a variety of authentic and adapted French texts, using a range of reading comprehension strategies;
2. Purpose, Form, and Style: identify the purpose(s), characteristics, and aspects of style of a variety of authentic and adapted text forms in French, including fictional, informational, graphic, and media forms;
3. Intercultural Understanding: demonstrate an understanding of information in French texts about aspects of culture in diverse French-speaking communities and other communities around the world, and of French sociolinguistic conventions used in a variety of situations and communities.

Writing

By the end of this course, students will:

1. Purpose, Audience, and Form: write French texts for different purposes and audiences, using a variety of forms and knowledge of language structures and conventions of written French appropriate for this level;
2. The Writing Process: use the stages of the writing process – including pre-writing, producing drafts, revising, editing, and publishing – to develop and organize content, clarify ideas and expression, correct errors, and present their work effectively;
3. Intercultural Understanding: in their written work, demonstrate an awareness of aspects of culture in diverse French-speaking communities and other communities around the world, and of the appropriate use of French sociolinguistic conventions in a variety of situations.

COURSE CONTENT

<i>Unit</i>	<i>Length</i>
Unit 1: Le Vocabulaire et la révision	25.5 hours
Unit 2: Moi même	27 hours
Unit 3: La Nourriture Française	27 hours
Unit 4: Voyager	24 hours
Final Task	4 hours
Exit Interview	1 hour
Final Exam	1.5 hours
Total	110 Hours

UNIT DESCRIPTIONS

UNITÉ 1: Le Vocabulaire et La révision

In this unit, students will learn, practice and review French vocabulary. This unit will give students the tools they need and build a foundation that will set them up for success in the rest of the course.

UNITÉ 2: Moi Même

Students will practice using their vocabulary to both introduce and express themselves in a variety of ways. Through this lens, students will practice communicating in present tense. Students will use oral communication, listening, reading and writing in order to both interpret and respond to a variety of mediums.

UNITÉ 3: La Nourriture Française

In this immersive unit, students will be engaged in the French language through it's cuisine and culture. Students will learn and practice using basic food, kitchen, and cooking vocabulary to communicate their preferences, create short recipes, and engage with their peers. At the end of the unit, students will create a short cooking tutorial using the vocabulary they have acquired and practiced in this unit.

UNITÉ 4: Voyager

Here, students will have the opportunity to explore French through travel. They will use a variety of tools and participate in fun activities to practice using their vocabulary, oral and written communication, reading, inquiring, planning skills, and their imagination. In this unit they will participate in a virtual trip using google maps, practice interpreting through listening, and submit a final travel journal assignment.

TEACHING AND LEARNING STRATEGIES

The students will experience a variety of activities:

Participation activities are seven standardized, course-wide prompts (Teach the Teacher, Concept in Action, Spot the Error, Concept Connections, Take a Position, Claim/Support/Question, and a culminating Course Takeaways video) embedded at set points throughout the course. They build metacognitive engagement with unit concepts and contribute to the course's participation grade.

Discussions with instructor which are facilitated through video conferencing and telephone conversations with their subject teacher or discussions with other students concerning the concepts and skills being studied.

Teacher demonstrations (research skills, etc.) through video conferencing, email, or telephone conversations with the subject teacher, or videos provided of a teacher or student demonstrating the concepts and skills being studied. This helps the student and teacher create an atmosphere of trust and respect to aid in the online learning environment.

Video presentations and technological aids (research) with videos embedded to enrich the course content and clarify concepts and skills being studied. Also the use of online pre-approved quizzes and games to help a student become more familiar with the concepts and skills being studied.

Diagnostic and review activities (audio and video taping) can be student-lead or teacher lead to work as a review for students through audio and video made to share among each other to help reinforce the concepts and skills being studied.

Brainstorming, charts and graphs are a great way for students to demonstrate their knowledge of subject matter through graphic organizers, pictures, and texts. This is communicated through assignments in Moodle.

Practical extension and application of knowledge is used as an effective learning strategy in this course because it allows the students to read and listen to the texts and stories in French and reflect back with connections to themselves, other texts and the world. Students are encouraged to share their understandings through work submitted each day, phone conversations about course work, or videoconferencing.

Oral presentations in an online environment have the equipment to have students either live video conference oral presentations, or make videos and submit them for their oral presentations. These oral presentations can be viewed by fellow students (when appropriate) and the teacher. Students can learn from one another, and from their teacher. Such activities include dramatic readings and performances.

Individual Activities

The teacher should provide a variety of individual assignments to expand and consolidate the learning that takes place in the whole-class and small group activities. Individual activities allow the teacher to accommodate interests and needs and to assess the progress of individual students. The teacher plays an important role in supporting these activities through the provision of ongoing feedback to the students, both orally and in writing. Teachers are encouraged to include individual activities such as the following in the course:

Research is completed in an online environment by teaching the students first about plagiarism rules and giving examples of good sources to use. The students are not only limited to the online search for information, but have resources available by links on the Moodle page of information that has been scanned and uploaded.

Individual assignments are worked on at a student's own pace. The teacher can support the student in these activities with ongoing feedback.

Oral presentations are facilitated through the use of video conferencing and video recording.

Practical extension and application of knowledge helps students develop their own voice, and gives them the ability to make personal connections, and connections to the world throughout their course. Students are given a variety of reading and viewing texts to give them many chances to apply their new concepts, skills, and knowledge.

Learning Journal can be completed digitally or printed to be used by hand. In their learning journal students will find tasks, fill in the blanks, reflections, and a variety of additional tools to aid and support their learning. .

Reading students are able to read a variety of texts online. The students may print out the reading material to use it to highlight, take notes, and have with them when a computer is not available.

Written assignments are used to allow students to develop their skills in writing, comprehension, and communication. With the online format students submit their work, and have a chance to get feedback

from the teacher, and submit their best work. This can be demonstrated with reading responses, personal writing, dialogue writing, recipe writing, and discussion posts.

Reflective/Comparative analysis for students working in their portfolios, giving them an opportunity for self-reflection on their accomplishments, skills, and concepts learned over the year. This can be accomplished with student and teacher conferences as well..

ASSESSMENT, EVALUATION, AND REPORTING

Assessment: The process of gathering information that accurately reflects how well a student is achieving the identified curriculum expectations. Teachers provide students with descriptive feedback that guides their efforts towards improved performance.

Evaluation: Assessment of Learning focuses on Evaluation which is the process of making a judgement about the quality of student work on the basis of established criteria over a limited, reasonable period of time.

Reporting: Involves communicating student achievement of the curriculum expectations and Learning Skills and Work Habits in the form of marks and comments as determined by the teacher's use of professional judgement.

STRATEGIES FOR ASSESSMENT

Assessment practices can nurture students' sense of progress and competency and information instruction. Many diagnostic tools, e.g. checklists and inventories, are used at regular intervals throughout the units to encourage students' understanding of their current status as learners and to provide frequent and timely reviews of their progress. Assessment of student acquisition of listening and talking, reading and viewing and writing skills also occurs regularly through unobtrusive teacher observation and conferencing.

Units conclude with performance tasks, e.g., presentations, written submissions and/or tests that build towards and prepare students for the end-of-course exam and exit interview. Teachers are encouraged to share goals with students early in the course and to connect unit learning experiences frequently and explicitly with big ideas, overall expectations, and performance tasks, i.e. check bricks; teacher-adapted generic rubrics available in many sources, including the *Ontario Secondary School Literacy Course (OSSLC) Profile*, so that they are more task-specific. The teacher might ask: "What does the criteria look like for this particular task?" Or "What does limited effectiveness look like?" The teacher could involve students in the discussion, modification, or creation of rubrics, and teach students to use rubrics as a learning tool that can support the writing process and practice.

ASSESSMENT ACTIVITIES

- Homework assignments
- Individual conference meeting
- Diagnostic tests and writing tasks
- Free-writing journal entries
- Outlining and planning sheets
- Completed Templates
- Fill in the blanks
- Editing Checklists
- Reflections
- Oral presentations & active Listening
- Expressive writing & discussing
- Tests & Exam
- Written projects & assignments

- Evaluations

EVALUATION

The final grade will be determined as follows:

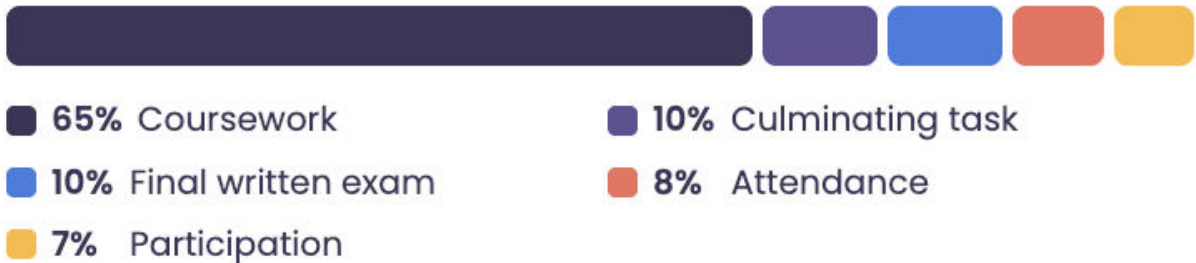
- ☐ 65% percent of the grade will be based on evaluation conducted throughout the course. This portion of the grade should reflect the student's most consistent level of achievement throughout the course, although special consideration will be given to more recent evidence of achievement.
- ☐ 20% of the grade will be based on a final evaluation administered at the end of the course. This evaluation will be based on evidence from a culminating task and a final written examination, both comprehensive of the course. The final evaluation is an opportunity for the student to demonstrate comprehensive achievement of the overall expectations for the course.
- ☐ 15% of the grade will be based on the student's attendance and participation throughout the course, assessed according to Ministry criteria.

(*Growing Success: Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting in Ontario Schools*. Ontario Ministry of Education Publication, 2010 p.41)

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How the final mark is calculated from September 2026



TERM WORK EVALUATIONS (65%):

Evaluation Item	Description	Category	Weight
Unit 1: Oral Quiz (video conference)	Students will have a dialogue with their teacher to demonstrate their new vocabulary and answer questions.	K, I, C, A	5
Unit 1: Unit Test	Students will make use of vocabulary from the unit and the foundation of French build in the course to answer questions on the test.	K, I, C, A	10
Unit 2: Vocabulary & Grammar Quiz	Students will answer questions on the quiz based on knowledge from unit 2. This test is structured around French conversation and dialogue.	K, I, C, A	5

Unit 2: Oral Presentation and written submission	Students will introduce themselves, explain their likes and dislikes, hobbies, and activities. Students will do this using vocabulary from unit 1 + 2. This assessment includes both a written format and an oral presentation that is submitted via a recorded video.	K, I, C, A	10
Unit 3: Carte Postale	Students will write a postcard to an imaginary penpal in one of the French speaking cultures we explored in our lesson. Students should complete the planning and organizational questions, followed by a rough draft, and then a final copy.	K, I, C, A	5
Unit 3: Ma Recette	Students will create a short cooking tutorial. They should pick a meal they can create using the vocabulary we have learned in class. In the video tutorial, students will practice using the verbs and tools they have learned in French and include a step by step process.	K,I,C,A	10
Unit 4: Virtual trip to Paris Quiz	Students will complete the quiz following their virtual trip to Paris. Students will answer questions about knowledge they acquired of the museums, art works, vocabulary, and grammar they practiced.	K,I,C,A	5
Unit 4: Ma Itineraire	Students will create a travel itinerary according to the provided instructions. Students are expected to research and choose a destination in a Canadian French speaking community.	K, I, C, A	10

FINAL EVALUATIONS (20%)

Evaluation Item	Description	Category	Weight
Final Exam	A final, written examination, covering all curriculum expectations for the course.	K, T, C, A	10
Final Task	A project that encompasses all that you have learned in the course.	SUM	5
Exit Interview	Students will participate in a video or phone call with their instructor and answer questions as they reflect on the course.	SUM	5

ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATION (15%)

Evaluation Item	Description	Category	Weight
Attendance	Assessed according to the Ministry's attendance criteria (Growing Success, September 2026 update), based on the	N/A	8

	proportion of unexcused absences over the course.		
Participation	Assessed according to the Ministry's participation criteria (Growing Success, September 2026 update), based on engagement in class discussions and activities throughout the course, including the standardized participation prompts (see Teaching and Learning Strategies).	N/A	7

AFL/AAL/AOL Tracking sheet:

Unit 1: Le Vocabulaire et la révision

AAL	AFL	AOL
Learning Journal Worksheets	Diagnostic video conference	Oral quiz - video conference Conversation and Observation with Teacher
Unit 1 Reflection		Unit 1 Test

Unit 2: Moi même

AAL	AFL	AOL
Learning Journal Worksheets	Verb conjugation practice quiz	Grammar & vocabulary quiz
Unit 2 Reflection		Presentation de soi - Oral presentation + written submission Conversation and Observation with Teacher

Unit 3: La nourriture Française

AAL	AFL	AOL
Learning Journal Worksheets	Food & culture discussion post + feedback to one other post	Carte Postale
Unit 3 Reflection		Cooking tutorial video project + written submission Conversation and Observation with Teacher

Unit 4: Voyager

AAL	AFL	AOL
Learning Journal Worksheets	Le verbe aller- email submission	Virtual trip to Paris quiz
Unit 4 Self made review package		Travel Itinerary Assignment
Unit 4 Reflection: Conversation and Observation with Teacher		

Finals

AOL
Final Task
Final Exam

CONSIDERATION FOR PROGRAM PLANNING

PLANNING PROGRAMS FOR STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL EDUCATION NEEDS

OES teachers are the key educators of students with special education needs and have a responsibility to help all students learn. Program planning for students with special education needs is guided by the principles set out in *Learning for All: A Guide to Effective Assessment and Instruction for All Students, Kindergarten to Grade 12* (2013): all students can succeed; each student has their own unique patterns of learning; successful instructional practices are founded on evidence-based research, tempered by experience; and universal design and differentiated instruction are effective and interconnected means of meeting the learning or productivity needs of any group of students. Where a student has an Individual Education Plan (IEP), the accommodations identified in the IEP — instructional, environmental, and assessment — are implemented within the course, and the online learning environment is adapted accordingly. The asynchronous structure of OES courses provides built-in flexibility that supports many common accommodations, including extended time for assignments and assessments, breaks as needed, access to assistive technology, and the ability to review instructional material multiple times.

PROGRAM CONSIDERATIONS FOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS

Ontario schools have some of the most linguistically diverse student populations in the world, and OES serves English language learners across Ontario and internationally. English language learners may be Canadian-born or newcomers; they may have experience of highly sophisticated educational systems or may have come from regions where access to formal schooling was limited. In planning this course, teachers consider the strengths and needs of English language learners and provide appropriate adaptations consistent with *English Language Learners / ESL and ELD Programs and Services: Policies and Procedures for Ontario Elementary and Secondary Schools, Kindergarten to Grade 12* (2007). Supports within the online environment include modification of instructional language without modification of curriculum expectations, use of visual and multimedia supports, opportunities to replay and review lesson content, extended time where appropriate, and teacher feedback that models academic English. Assessment accommodations, such as granting additional time and permitting the use of bilingual dictionaries, are provided where appropriate.

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

Consistent with *Acting Today, Shaping Tomorrow: A Policy Framework for Environmental Education in Ontario Schools* (2009) and *Environmental Education: Scope and Sequence of Expectations* (2017), environmental education is embedded across the curriculum rather than treated as a separate subject. Teachers help students acquire knowledge about the environment, develop skills to address environmental issues, and foster attitudes that motivate responsible environmental action. As an online school, OES also models environmental responsibility through paperless course delivery and the elimination of daily commuting. In this course, environmental topics provide authentic contexts for developing French vocabulary, reading, and discussion skills, including texts and media that explore environmental issues in the francophone world.

EQUITY AND INCLUSIVE EDUCATION

This course is planned and delivered in accordance with Ontario's *Equity and Inclusive Education Strategy* (2009) and *Policy/Program Memorandum No. 119, Developing and Implementing Equity and Inclusive Education Policies in Ontario Schools* (2013). OES is committed to an inclusive learning environment in which all students feel welcomed, respected, and able to succeed, regardless of ancestry, culture, ethnicity, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability, race, religion, or socio-economic status. In this course, teachers select learning materials that reflect the diversity of Ontario and the wider world, address bias in texts and resources where it arises, and ensure that assessment practices are fair and free of cultural assumptions. Because OES students learn from communities across Ontario, Quebec, and around the world, discussion activities and teacher feedback are moderated to maintain a respectful, harassment-free environment for all learners.

FINANCIAL LITERACY EDUCATION

In accordance with *A Sound Investment: Financial Literacy Education in Ontario Schools* (2010) and current Ministry direction on financial literacy, students are provided with opportunities to build the knowledge and skills needed to make informed financial decisions, understand their roles as consumers and citizens, and think critically about the economic forces that affect their lives. OES also supports students in meeting the Ministry's financial literacy graduation requirement, as described in the OES School Course Calendar. In this course, everyday consumer and financial contexts, such as making purchases, comparing prices, and discussing services, provide authentic situations for developing practical French language skills.

FIRST NATIONS, MÉTIS, AND INUIT EDUCATION

Program planning in this course aligns with the Ontario First Nation, Métis, and Inuit Education Policy Framework (2007), which supports improved outcomes for First Nations, Métis, and Inuit students and promotes awareness and understanding of Indigenous histories, cultures, perspectives, and contributions among all students. Where appropriate to the curriculum expectations, teachers incorporate Indigenous perspectives, authors, and content, and approach these topics with accuracy and respect, drawing on Ministry-recommended resources. All OES students benefit from opportunities to deepen their knowledge of the histories and contemporary realities of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit peoples, including the legacy of the residential school system and the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action related to education.

THE ROLE OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

Information and communications technology (ICT) is integral to every OES course: instruction, learning activities, assessment, and teacher-student communication all take place through the school's learning management system. ICT tools — including multimedia lessons, digital texts, simulations, video conferencing for proctored assessments, and word-processing and productivity software — extend and enrich instruction and allow students to collect, organize, and present their learning in a range of formats. Teachers help students develop digital citizenship skills, including responsible and ethical use of technology, critical evaluation of online sources, protection of personal information, and academic integrity in digital environments, consistent with OES's Acceptable Use, Academic Honesty, and Artificial Intelligence policies as published in the School Course Calendar.

CAREER EDUCATION

Consistent with *Creating Pathways to Success: An Education and Career/Life Planning Program for Ontario Schools* (2013), teachers support students in answering the four questions at the centre of education and career/life planning: Who am I? What are my opportunities? Who do I want to become? What is my plan for achieving my goals? Expectations in this course include many opportunities for students to apply their skills to work-related situations, explore educational and career options, and become self-directed learners. OES guidance staff support students in course selection, postsecondary application planning (including OUAC, CEGEP, and international pathways), and the development of individual pathways plans. Proficiency in French opens doors to a wide range of careers in Canada and internationally, including translation, education, public service, tourism, and any field in which bilingualism is an asset, and this course makes those connections explicit for students.

COOPERATIVE EDUCATION AND OTHER FORMS OF EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

Planned learning experiences in the community, including job shadowing, work experience, and cooperative education, provide students with opportunities to see the relevance of their classroom learning, explore careers of interest, and develop essential workplace skills consistent with *The Ontario Curriculum, Grades 11 and 12: Cooperative Education* (2018). Students may earn up to two cooperative education credits toward their compulsory credit requirements for the Ontario Secondary School Diploma. Students interested in experiential learning opportunities related to this course are encouraged to contact OES guidance staff to discuss options available to them.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Although OES students learn remotely, health and safety remain integral considerations in program planning. Teachers model and promote safe and healthy practices for online learning, including sound ergonomics,

balanced screen time, regular breaks, and strategies that support positive mental health and well-being. OES maintains a safe and respectful virtual learning environment consistent with the school's codes of conduct, bullying prevention expectations, and privacy practices as published in the School Course Calendar, and students are provided with clear channels for reporting concerns to their teachers, guidance staff, or the Principal.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Accommodations will be based on meeting with parents, teachers, administration and external educational assessment reports. The following three types of accommodations may be provided:

- ☐ **Instructional accommodations:** such as changes in teaching strategies, including styles of presentation, methods of organization, or use of technology and multimedia.
- ☐ **Assessment accommodations:** such as allowing additional time to complete tests or assignments or permitting oral responses to test questions.

Other examples of modifications and aids, which may be used in this course, are:

- Provide step-by-step instructions.
- Help students create organizers for planning writing tasks.
- Allow students to report verbally to a scribe (teacher/ student) who can help in note taking.
- Permit students a range of options for reading and writing tasks.
- Where an activity requires reading, provide it in advance.
- Provide opportunities for enrichment.