­French 8 M. Cameron [www.mrcameron.ca](http://www.mrcameron.ca)

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French 8 will give students opportunities in French to:

Listen and view with intent to support acquisition and to understand French.

Express oneself and talk about the world around us in French.

Increase fluency in French by participating more actively in reciprocal interactions.

Share experiences and perspective through stories.

Experience authentic Francophone cultures through creative works.

Explore our understanding of culture, which is influenced by the languages we speak and the communities with which we engage.

**The Content** :

French 8 content will vary by class, as students will choose which units/topics they will study to increase the authenticity in their learning. There will be a focus on French letters, common vocabulary and sentence structures for communication in past/present/future time frames, being able to answer/ask a variety of questions, understanding and using time and frequency, describing items, people, and personal interests, comparing and contrasting in general, having reasons for preferences, emotions, and physical states, expressing beliefs and opinions, as well as understanding cultural aspects of communities, exploring common elements of stories, identifying Francophone communities around the world and their cultural aspects, and exploring the ethics of cultural appropriation and plagiarism.

French 8 students will explore content in themes and will explore the curricular competencies listed above interwoven into the themes for the year. An example would be learning greetings and classroom vocabulary to understand and use competencies listed above.

**The Breakdown** : French 8 will be marked as follows:

Worksheets/Day-to-day work/Homework/Oral work 30%

 Tests/Quizzes 30%

 Projects 40%

**The Expectations** : Students in French 8 will be expected to…

Participate actively, speaking French wherever possible

Learn the vocabulary introduced in class

Participate in activities and games with enthusiasm, respect, and authenticity

Seek help when needed

Complete all work assigned, and on time

Study for quizzes and tests

Work cooperatively with peers while working with a partner or in a group

Stay focused and productive in class.

**The Required Materials** : Students are requested to bring the following to class every day:

Blue or black pens, pencils, erasers, a divided notebook or binder with blank lined paper for notes, and completed homework when assigned. General classroom behaviour expectations and discipline will follow the Burnaby Schools code of conduct. I am generally available for help before and after school on most days, and expect that students come for help sooner rather than later when concerns arise. I can be reached via email at brian.cameron@burnabyschools.ca to arrange an appointment if you wish to discuss progress in the class.