

Middle School French Curriculum

Fifth Grade French

French in grade five is a beginning level course designed to develop speaking, listening, reading, and writing skills with speaking and listening skills emphasized most heavily. Students learn vocabulary for basic greetings, the French alphabet, expressions of courtesy, numbers to 100, colors, calendar, family members, classroom objects, pets, weather, time, food, and parts of a home. Cultural and geographic topics are integrated into the course and include, for example, holidays, the educational system, currency, and important cities and regions. Grammatically, students study number and gender of nouns and adjectives, adjective placement, definite and indefinite articles, subject pronouns je, tu, and vous, usage of tu and vous, formation of complete simple statements, questions, and negatives. Exploring French published by EMC is the primary text for the course and is supplemented with songs, games, folk dances, DVD's, Beginner's French Dictionary, and other materials.

Sixth Grade French

Sixth grade French students build upon previous skills while focusing on vocabulary expansion, speaking and listening skills, with increased emphasis on reading and writing skills. Students learn vocabulary for numbers to 1,000,000, expressing agreement and disagreement, likes and dislikes, leisure activities, sports, clothing, physical descriptions, and restaurants. Cultural and geographic topics are integrated into the course and include studies of France, Canada, and other French-speaking nations. Grammatically, students study present tense -er, and -re verbs; present tense of etre, avoir, aller, prendre, vouloir, faire; and expressions using faire. In addition, students study the conjunctions et and mais, adverbs, prepositions, si, and oui. Allez, Viens! Level I is the primary text for the course and is supplemented with CDs, DVDs, Collins French Concise Dictionary and other materials.

Seventh Grade French

Seventh grade French students continue to hone speaking, listening, reading, and writing skills and are formally introduced to French phonetics. Students expand their vocabulary with the study of words pertaining to compliments and criticisms, asking for and receiving directions, introductions, accepting and rejecting invitations, vacations and transportation, telephone courtesies, discussing plans, and giving advice. Cultural and geographic topics are integrated into the course and include studies of Paris, Provence, and other French-speaking regions. Grammatically, students study the immediate future; possessive and demonstrative adjectives; the irregular verbs pouvoir, mettre, venir, devoir; C'est vs. Il/elle est; present tense -ir verbs; passé composé with avoir and etre;

object pronouns; and comparisons. Allez, Viens! Level I is the primary text for the course and is supplemented with CDs, DVDs, Collins French Concise Dictionary, and other materials.

Eighth Grade French

Eighth grade French students build upon knowledge from previous French classes as they expand their abilities to speak, listen, read, and write in French. Vocabulary is expanded with the study of words pertaining to expressing concern, extending good wishes, describing places, asking for and giving directions and information, asking for and receiving suggestions or opinions, paying and responding to compliments, and relating a series of events. Culture studies focus on the Loire Valley, Quebec, and other French-speaking countries. Grammatically, students study all regular present tense verbs, passé composé and the imparfait, reflexive verbs, direct and indirect object pronoun placement, and the partative. Allez Viens! Level 2 is the primary text for the course and is supplemented with CDs, DVDs, Collins French Concise Dictionary and other materials. At the conclusion of eighth grade French, a determination is made regarding placement of students into Advanced Beginning, Intermediate, or Honors Intermediate French in the upper school.