Grade 8 French

Big Ideas

*Listening and viewing with intent deepens our understanding of French.
*I am capable of expressing myself and making myself understood in French.
*Meaning can be conveyed in multiple ways in French.
*Stories allow us to understand and communicate ideas in a meaningful way.
*Acquiring a new language allows us to see the world from a new perspective.
*Learning about other cultural communities allows us to better understand our own cultural community

Curricular Competencies

Content	Use a growing variety of strategies to construct meaning	Seek clarification and provide verification of meaning	Recognize the relationship between French spelling patterns and pronunciation	Understand increasingly complex key information and supporting detail in texts	Understand and retell stories	Narrate a simple story orally or in writing	Express themselves using complete sentences in past and present timeframes orally and in writing				Describe elements of various cultural communities, their practices, and their traditions	Describe similarities and differences between the cultural practices and traditions of their own family and community and those of various Francophone cultural communities	Initiate a connection with a Francophone community
							Ask and answer a variety of questions about familiar topics	Describe objects and people, including main characters in texts	Explain reasons for emotional and physical states	Express basic beliefs and opinions			
expressions to assist with clarification of meaning													
common elements of stories													
basic past and present timeframes													
common expressions of time and frequency													
vocabulary and structures to express basic beliefs and opinions													
vocabulary and structures to express reasons for preferences, emotions, and physical states													
vocabulary and structures for comparing and contrasting													
where French is spoken in the world													
Canadian and international Francophone cultural communities													
vocabulary to describe elements of cultural communities, their practices, and their traditions													