

French Program Goals (by Division)

Primary Division

French in the primary grades (1-3) at GCCS uses the AIM Language Learning program. The goal of this program is to learn the French language through the use of gestures and oral practice. Students are given the opportunity to study a play, answer questions related to the play and learn vocabulary that can be applied to everyday situations. Students are also given opportunity to write in the French language and communicate their ideas using familiar vocabulary.

Primary Program Goals

- to offer students a dynamic, exciting and pleasurable introduction to the study of French
- to foster in students a variety of strategies that will enable them to comprehend written and spoken French and leave them with a firm oral/aural foundation
- to recognize the uniqueness of the French culture
- to show respect to a government that has declared Canada bilingual
- to equip our students with skills needed to communicate with our French neighbours

Junior Division

French in the junior grades (4-6) at GCCS uses the AIM Language Learning program. Each junior grade covers one play, published by AIM, in a year. Again, language acquisition is achieved through the use of gestures and oral practice.

Junior Program Goals

- to offer students a dynamic, exciting and pleasurable introduction to the study of French
- to foster in students a variety of strategies that will enable them to comprehend written and spoken French and leave them with a firm oral/aural foundation
- to enable students to complete authentic tasks and projects involving communication in French through meaningful dialogue
- to stimulate insights into English and French cultural similarities and differences as reflected in the languages

Intermediate Division

French in the intermediate grades (7-8) at GCCS also uses the AIM Language Learning program and supplements with additional resources to equip our students for future French language study. Students are taught using the gestures and practice orally speaking the language. They are also given formal lessons on the correct conjugation of verbs and their tenses, proper sentence structure and use of adjectives and adverbs.

Intermediate Program Goals

- to offer students a dynamic, exciting and pleasurable introduction to the study of French
- to foster in students a variety of strategies that will enable them to comprehend written and spoken French and leave them with a firm oral/aural foundation
- to enable students to complete authentic tasks and projects involving communication in French through meaningful dialogues
- to stimulate insights into English and French cultural similarities and differences as reflected in the languages