CHINESE LANGUAGE AND CULTURE NINE-YEAR PROGRAM GRADES 7–8–9

This program of studies is intended for students who began their study of Chinese language and culture in Grade 4. It constitutes the fourth, fifth and sixth years of the Chinese Language and Culture Nine-year (9Y) Program (Grade 4 to Grade 12).

PROGRAM RATIONALE

The value for Canadian society as a whole of learning the Chinese language¹ is significant and can be summarized as follows. Learning Chinese leads to:

- an increased awareness of, and sensitivity to, cultural and linguistic diversity
- an improved potential in the Canadian and global marketplace and workplace
- an enhanced role in the international community.

Apart from the common advantages related to the learning of any international language, the learning of Chinese permits an insight into the rich and varied cultures developed in the Chinesespeaking world and bestows more opportunity to communicate directly with Chinese-speaking people. The learning of Chinese develops in individuals an awareness of, and a sensitivity to, cultural and linguistic diversity. In addition to preserving cultural identity, it is also a means of cultural enrichment and of fostering understanding and respect among peoples and countries. Furthermore, it gives the opportunity to identify, question and challenge one's own cultural assumptions, values and perspectives and to contribute positively to society. These are benefits that can be gained by all students of Chinese, regardless of their background or heritage.

For those students who already have some knowledge of the Chinese language or a family connection to the culture, learning Chinese offers an opportunity to renew contact with their language and culture. For some, it may contribute to maintaining and developing literacy.

There is significant evidence to suggest that learning another language contributes to the development of first language skills and enhances cognitive functioning. Learning a second language increases the ability to conceptualize and to think abstractly, and it fosters cognitive flexibility, divergent thinking, creativity and metalinguistic competence.

In today's world, knowledge of a second language and culture in general, and Chinese in particular, is an economic advantage, providing language and cultural skills that enable individuals to communicate and interact effectively in global society.

^{1.} Chinese is also commonly referred to as Guoyu, Hanyu, Huayu, Mandarin, Putonghua or Zhongwen.

ASSUMPTIONS

The following statements are assumptions that have guided the development of this program of studies.

- Language is communication.
- All students can be successful learners of language and culture, although they will learn in a variety of ways and acquire proficiency at varied rates.
- All languages can be taught and learned.
- Learning Chinese as a second language enhances the student's primary language as well as cognitive development and knowledge acquisition. This is true for students who come to the class with some knowledge of Chinese and develop literacy skills in the language. This is also true for students who have no prior knowledge of Chinese and are learning it as a second or an additional language.

THE CONCEPTUAL MODEL

The aim of this program of studies is the development of communicative competence in Chinese.

Four Components

For the purposes of this program of studies, communicative competence is represented by four interrelated and interdependent components.

Applications deal with what the students will be able to do with the language, the functions they will be able to perform and the contexts in which they will be able to operate.

Language Competence addresses the students' knowledge of the language and their ability to use that knowledge to interpret and produce meaningful texts appropriate to the situations in which they are used.

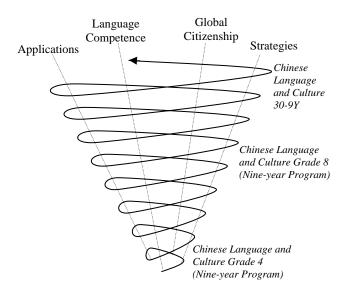
Global Citizenship aims to develop intercultural competence, with a particular focus on Chinese culture.

Strategies help students learn and communicate more effectively and more efficiently.

Each of these components is described more fully at the beginning of the corresponding section of this program of studies.

A Spiral Progression

Language learning is integrative, not merely cumulative. Each new element that is added must be integrated into the whole of what has gone The model that best represents the before. students' language learning progress is an expanding spiral. Their progression is not only vertical (e.g., increased proficiency) but also horizontal (e.g., broader range of applications and experience with more vocabulary, text forms, contexts and so on). The spiral also represents how language learning activities are best Particular lexical fields, learning structured. strategies or language functions, for example, are revisited at different points in the nine-year program (i.e., in different grades/courses), but from a different perspective, in broader contexts or at a slightly higher level of proficiency each time. Learning is reinforced, extended and broadened with each successive pass.



ORGANIZATION OF THE PROGRAM OF STUDIES

General Outcomes

General outcomes are broad statements identifying the knowledge, skills and attitudes that students are expected to achieve in the course of their language learning experience. The four general outcomes serve as the foundation for this program of studies and are based on the conceptual model outlined on the previous page.

Applications [A]

• Students will use Chinese in a variety of situations and for a variety of purposes.

Language Competence [LC]

• Students will use Chinese effectively and competently.

Global Citizenship [GC]

• Students will acquire the knowledge, skills and attitudes to be effective **global citizens**.

Strategies [S]

• Students will know and use strategies to maximize the **effectiveness** of learning and communication.

The order in which the general outcomes are presented in this program of studies does not represent a sequential order, nor does it indicate the relative importance of each component. The general outcomes are to be implemented in an integrated manner.

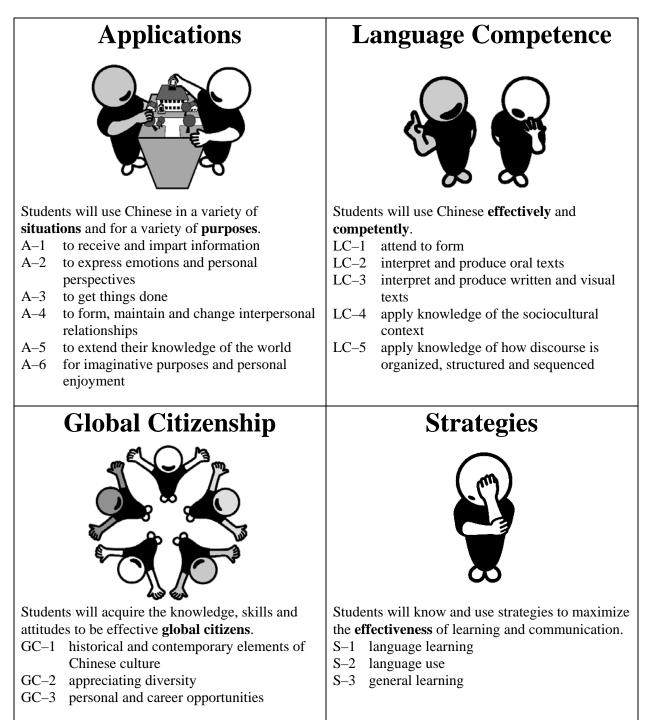
Specific Outcomes

Each general outcome is further broken down into specific outcomes that students are to achieve by the end of each grade. The specific outcomes are interrelated and interdependent. In most classroom activities, a number of outcomes will be dealt with in an integrated manner. The specific outcomes are categorized under cluster headings, which show the scope of each of the four general outcomes. These headings are shown in the table on the following page.

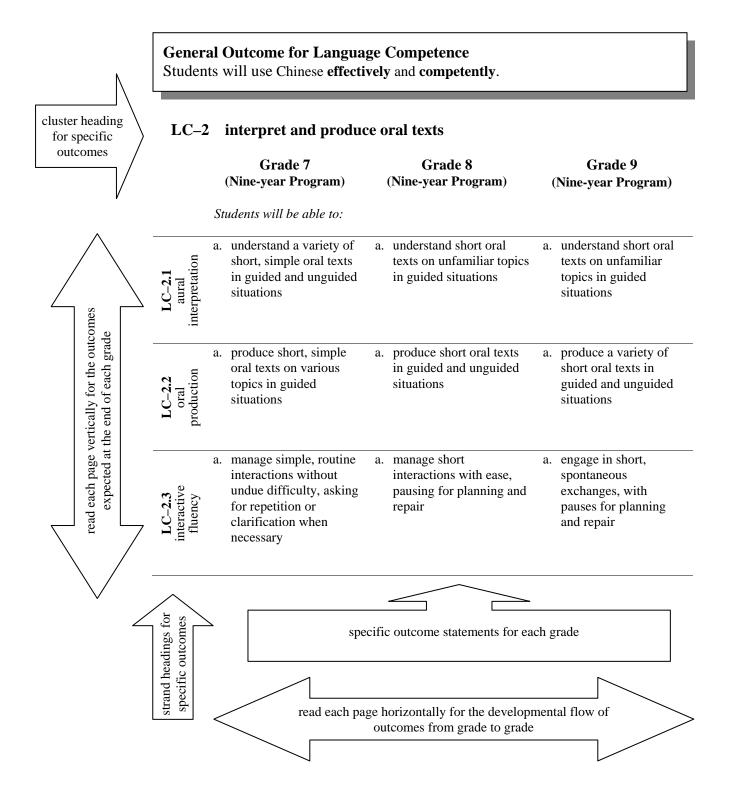
The specific outcomes are further categorized by strands, which show the developmental flow of learning from the beginning to the end of the program. However, an outcome for a particular grade will not be dealt with only in that particular year of the program. The spiral progression that is part of the conceptual model means that activities in the years preceding will prepare the ground for acquisition and in the years following will broaden applications.

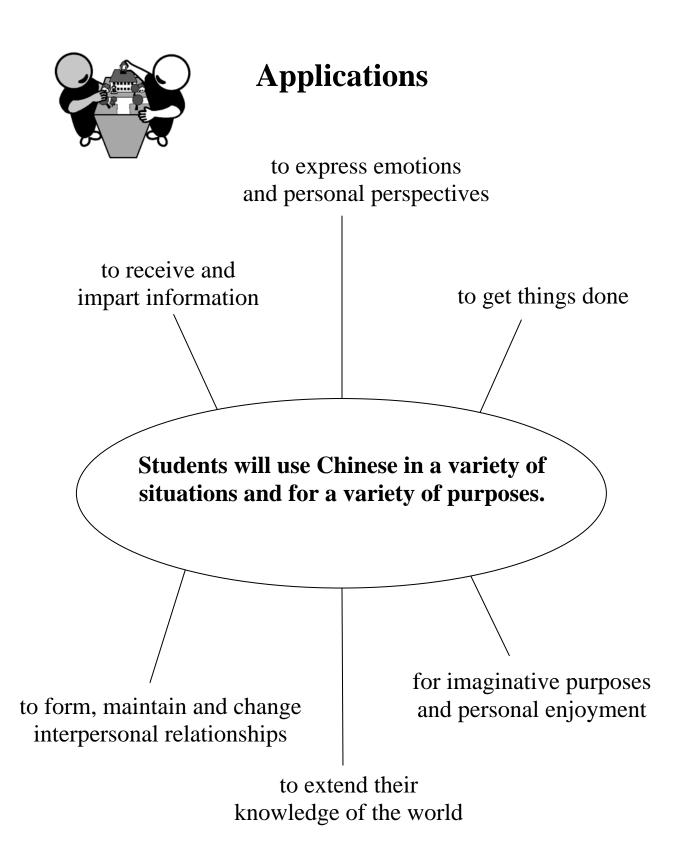
Note: The outcomes in this program of studies require that the simplified version/form of Chinese characters be acquired by the students. However, given the reality of mixed usage, students will **not** be penalized for using traditional forms.

General Outcomes



Guide to Reading the Program of Studies





APPLICATIONS

The specific outcomes under the heading Applications deal with **what** the students will be able to do with the Chinese language; that is, the **functions** they will be able to perform and the **contexts** in which they will be able to operate.

The functions are grouped under six cluster headings-see the illustration on the preceding page. Under each of these headings there are one or more strands that show the developmental flow of learning from grade to grade. Each strand, identified by a strand heading at the left end of a row, deals with a specific language function; e.g., share factual information. Students at any level will be able to share factual information. Beginning learners will do this in very simple ways. As students gain more knowledge and experience, they will broaden the range of subjects they can deal with, they will learn to share information in writing as well as orally, and they will be able to handle formal and informal situations.

Different models of communicative competence have organized language functions in a variety of ways. The organizational structure chosen here reflects the needs and interests of students in a classroom where activities are focused on meaning and are interactive. For example, the strand entitled "manage group actions" has been included to ensure that students acquire the Chinese language knowledge and skills necessary to function independently in small groups, since this is an effective way of organizing second language classrooms. The strands under the cluster heading "to extend their knowledge of the world" will accommodate a content-based approach to language learning where students learn content from another subject area as they learn the Chinese language.

The level of linguistic, sociolinguistic and discourse competence that students will exhibit when carrying out the functions is defined in the specific outcomes for Language Competence for each grade. To know how well students will be able to perform the specific function, the Applications outcomes must be read in conjunction with the Language Competence outcomes.

General Outcome for Applications Students will use Chinese in a variety of situations and for a variety of purposes.

to receive and impart information A-1

		Grade 7 (Nine-year Program)		Grade 8 (Nine-year Program)		Grade 9 (Nine-year Program)
	Stud	ents will be able to:				
A-1.1 share factual information	S	rovide information on everal aspects of a topic; .g., give a simple report	a.	understand and use basic comparisons and comparative descriptions, and give examples	a.	share facts about events that took place in the past or that may take place in the future

to express emotions and personal perspectives A–2

Students will be able to:

A-2.1 share ideas, thoughts, opinions, preferences	a.	inquire about and express agreement and simple disagreement, and simple approval and disapproval	a.	inquire about and express interest and lack of interest, and satisfaction and dissatisfaction	a.	inquire about and express probability and certainty
A–2.2 share emotions, feelings	a.	inquire about and express emotions and feelings in some familiar contexts; e.g., celebrate success	a.	compare the expression of emotions and feelings in familiar contexts, such as sympathizing over a loss	a.	express emotions and feelings in a variety of familiar contexts; e.g., discuss feelings, in stressful situations, with classmates

General Outcome for Applications

Students will use Chinese in a variety of situations and for a variety of purposes.

A–3 to get things done

		Grade 7 (Nine-year Program)		Grade 8 (Nine-year Program)		Grade 9 (Nine-year Program)
	St	udents will be able to:				
A-3.1 guide actions of others	a.	make and respond to suggestions in familiar situations	a.	give and respond to simple advice and warnings	a.	make and respond to suggestions and requests in informal situations
2 sonal ns	a.	state personal actions, using basic vocabulary and structures	a.	accept and decline offers and invitations, with simple explanations	a.	make a promise and express intention in familiar situations
A-3.2 state personal actions					b.	state personal actions: completed, current and planned
3.3 group ans	a.	check for agreement and understanding	a.	express appreciation, enthusiasm, support and respect for contributions of others	a.	clarify another group member's contribution
A-3.3 manage gro actions	b.	negotiate in a simple way with peers in small-group tasks		oners	b.	offer an explanation or a clarification

A–4 to form, maintain and change interpersonal relationships

Students will be able to:

. 1 ersonal ships	a.	initiate and participate in casual exchanges with classmates	a.	use routine means of interpersonal communications	a.	give and respond to compliments
A_4.1 manage pers relationshi					b.	explain actions and personal choices

General Outcome for Applications Students will use Chinese in a variety of situations and for a variety of purposes.

to extend their knowledge of the world A–5

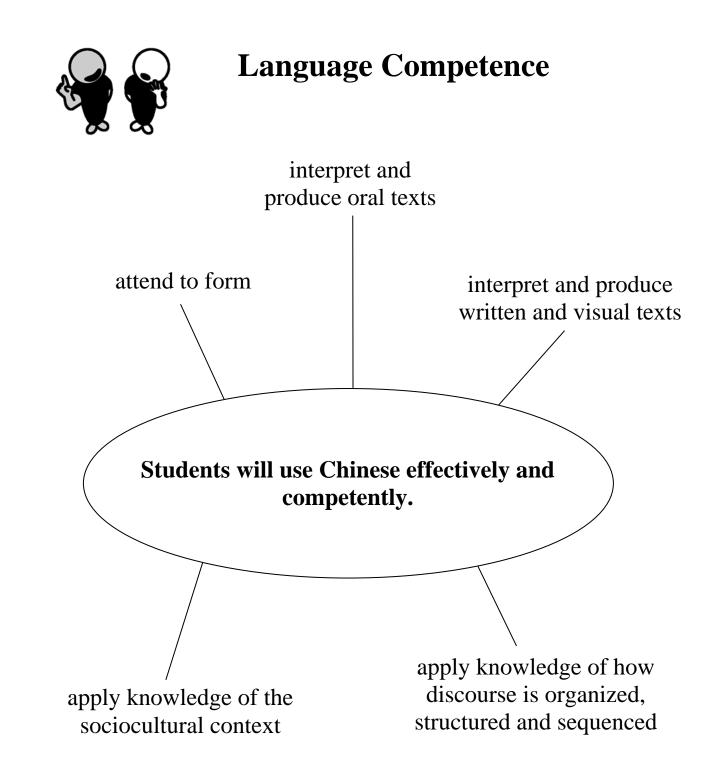
	Grade 7 (Nine-year Program)	Grade 8 (Nine-year Program)	Grade 9 (Nine-year Program)
	Students will be able to:		
A–5.1 discover and explore	a. ask questions to gain knowledge and clarify understanding	a. explore meaning in a variety of ways	a. explore and express the purpose of what they are doing
A-5.2 gather and organize information	a. gather information from a variety of resources	a. gather information, using a prepared format	a. organize and manipulate information
A-5.3 solve problems	a. describe a problem, then propose solutions	a. generate and evaluate alternative solutions to problems	a. use information collected from various sources to solve problems
A-5.4 explore opinions and values	a. explore how values influence behaviour	a. distinguish fact from opinion	a. provide reasons for their position on an issue

General Outcome for Applications

Students will use Chinese in a variety of situations and for a variety of purposes.

A-6 for imaginative purposes and personal enjoyment

		Grade 7 (Nine-year Program)		Grade 8 (Nine-year Program)		Grade 9 (Nine-year Program)
	St	udents will be able to:				
A-6.1 humour/fun	a.	use the language for fun and to interpret and discuss simple humour	a.	use the language for fun and to interpret and appreciate simple humour	a.	use the language for fun and to interpret and express humour
A-6.2 creative/aesthetic purposes	a.	use the language creatively and for aesthetic purposes	a.	use the language creatively and for aesthetic purposes	a.	use the language creatively and for aesthetic purposes
A-6.3 personal enjoyment	a.	use the language for personal enjoyment	a.	use the language for personal enjoyment	a.	use the language for personal enjoyment



LANGUAGE COMPETENCE

Language competence is a broad term that includes linguistic or grammatical competence, competence, sociolinguistic discourse or sociocultural competence, and what might be called textual competence. The specific outcomes under Language Competence deal with knowledge of the Chinese language and the ability to use that knowledge to interpret and produce meaningful texts appropriate to the situations in which they are used. Language competence is best developed in the context of activities or tasks where the language is used for real purposes; in other words, in practical applications.

The various components of language competence are grouped under five cluster headings-see the illustration on the preceding page. Under each of these headings there are several strands, identified by strand headings at the left end of each row, which show the developmental flow of learning from grade to grade. Each strand deals with a single aspect of language competence. For example, under the cluster heading "attend to form," there are strands for phonology (pronunciation, stress, intonation), orthography mechanical (spelling, features). lexicon (vocabulary words and phrases) and grammatical elements (syntax and morphology).

Although the outcomes isolate these individual aspects, language competence should be developed through classroom activities that focus on meaningful uses of the Chinese language and on **language in context**. Tasks will be chosen based on the needs, interests and experiences of students. The vocabulary, grammar structures, text forms and social conventions necessary to carry out a task will be taught, practised and assessed as students are involved in various aspects of the task itself, **not in isolation**.

Strategic competence is often closely associated with language competence, since students need to learn ways to compensate for low proficiency in the early stages of learning if they are to engage in authentic language use from the beginning. This component is included in the language use strategies in the Strategies section. **Note:** The outcomes in this program of studies require that the simplified version/form of Chinese characters be acquired by the students. However, given the reality of mixed usage, students will **not** be penalized for using traditional forms.

LC-1 attend to form

	Grade 7 (Nine-year Program)	Grade 8 (Nine-year Program)	Grade 9 (Nine-year Program)
	Students will be able to:		
1.1 Jogy	a. combine initials and compound finals	a. approximate the pronunciation of unfamiliar words, using all initials and finals in the Hanyu pinyin system	a. approximate the pronunciation of unfamiliar words, using all initials and finals in the Hanyu pinyin system
LC-1.1 phonology	b. identify and reproduce some critical sound distinctions that are important for meaning		J
LC-1.2 orthography	a. apply stroke order in forming simplified characters	a. use basic forming patterns consistently in writing familiar simplified characters and phrases	a. use basic mechanical conventions; e.g., indentation, punctuation
LC-1.3 lexicon	 a. use a repertoire of words and phrases in familiar contexts, within a variety of lexical fields, including: the local community fashion family traditions health and safety (emergency) any other lexical fields that meet their needs and interests 	 a. use a repertoire of words and phrases in familiar contexts, within a variety of lexical fields, including: transportation entertainment shopping and money Alberta and its people any other lexical fields that meet their needs and interests 	 a. use a repertoire of words and phrases in familiar contexts, within a variety of lexical fields, including: helping the environment leisure healthy living friendship career opportunities any other lexical fields that meet their needs and interests

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LC-1.4 grammatical elements

LC-1 attend to form

Grade 7 (Nine-year Program) Grade 8 (Nine-year Program) Grade 9 (Nine-year Program)

Students will be able to:

a.	use, in modelled situations, ² the	e following grammatical eleme	nts:
	Positional Nouns 方位名词	Measure Words 量词	Measure Words 量词
			· •
	- 上面/下面; 左边/右	- 架,群	- 座,台
	边;前面/后面	Conjunctions to Indicate Choice	Prepositions 介词
	Measure Words	选择关系连词	
		— 还是 in a question	- 自从 Conjugations
	- 件,条	Auxiliary Verbs	Conjunctions 连词
	Prepositions 介词	助动词/能愿动词	ヒ 岡 - 可是
	ケ 風 - 从	— 能	., 2
	-	过 Indicating Experience	- 但是
	Indicating Future	"过"表示经验	- 不过
	"会"表示动作要发生		Use of 正在 to Indicate
	- + verb(action)	Sentence Structures	Progressive Aspect 动作的进行
	Use of 的 Particle to	句型	— 正在 + verb
	Indicate Possessive Case	Comparative Structures	
	"的"用在省略句中	比较句型	Sentence Structures
	e.g.,妈妈做的饭。	- A没有 B + adjective	句型
	Particle J to Indicate	Interrogative Forms	Comparative Structures
	Perfect Aspect	疑问词/短语	比较句型
	"了"表示动作的完成	 question word structure 	- A比B+adjective
	得 Used After Verb to	怎么?	- A B + adjective +
	Introduce Complement	什么时候?	得多/一点
	of Degree	哪年?	- A不比 B + adjective
	"得"作程度补语标识 e.g., 他跑得真快。	多少?	Sentence Indicating Location
	e.g.,他跑侍兵庆。	- 呢 used at the end of	for a Duration
		interrogative structure;	存现句
		e.g.,我的字典放在哪	- subject + 在 + place + verb
		儿呢?	+ duration

^{2.} Modelled Situations: This term is used to describe learning situations where a model of specific linguistic elements is consistently provided and immediately available. Students in such situations will have an emerging awareness of the linguistic elements and will be able to apply them in very limited situations. Limited fluency and confidence characterize student language.

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LC-1 attend to form

Grade 7 (Nine-year Program) **Sentence Structures** 句型 **Comparative Structures** 比较句型 - A和/跟B一样+ adjective A比B+adjective - 最 (superlative) **Interrogative Forms** 疑问词/短语 - 吗 (particle to create yes/no question) question words 怎么,什么时候,哪 年, 多少, 谁, 为什 么 Affirmative-Negative **Question Pattern** 正反疑问句 - adjective + $\overline{\Lambda}$ + adjective? - (subject) + verb + $\overline{\Lambda}$ + verb + (object)?Sentence Indicating

Location

+ noun

- positional noun + 是/有

subject + 在 + place
Sentence with Direct and Indirect Object
直接和间接宾语句
subject + 给 + indirect object + direct object
e.g., 他给我一本书。

存现句

Grade 8 (Nine-year Program)

Affirmative Sentence Patterns 肯定句型

 subject + time + 在 + place + verb + object
 e.g.,我昨天晚上在家 里看电视。

"把"Structure "把"字句

(subject) + "把" +
 object + verb +
 complement
 e.g., 姐姐把房间收拾
 干净。

不 and 没(有) to Indicate Negation 动词否定式

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    (subject) + 不/没(有)
    + verb
    e.g.,我不去。
    我没(有)去。
    我不吃早饭。
    我没(有)吃早
    饭。
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Grade 9 (Nine-year Program)

Compound Sentence Patterns 复句

不但... 而且...
... 又... 又...
不是... 就是...
Complex Sentence Patterns 复句

- 虽然 ... 但是 / 可是 ...
- 因为 ... 所以 ...

General Outcome for Language Competence

Students will use Chinese effectively and competently.

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grammatical elements

LC-1.4

LC-1 attend to form

Grade 7 (Nine-year Program) Grade 8 (Nine-year Program) Grade 9 (Nine-year Program)

Students will be able to:

b. use, in structured situations,³ the following grammatical elements:

Use of 在 as a Verb to **Indicate Location** "在"用作动词表示地点 - 在 + place Measure Words 量词 - 只,场 Adverbs 副词 - 也 - 都 Conjunctions 连词 - A还是B... **Auxiliary Verbs** 助动词/能愿动词 - 会 - 可以 Sentence Structures 句型 **Expression of Time** 时间的表示方式 - subject + time + verb time + subject + verb e.g.,现在 **Imperatives** (Negative) 祈使短语 - 不要/别 + verb

Positional Nouns 方位名词 - 上面/下面; 左边/右 边; 前面/后面 **Measure Words** 量词 - 件,条 Prepositions 介词 - 从 Auxiliary Verb 会 **Indicating Future** "会"表示动作要发生 会 + verb (action) Particle 了 to Indicate **Perfect Aspect** "了"表示动作的完成 Use of 的 Particle to **Indicate Possessive** Case "的"用在省略句中 e.g., 妈妈做的饭。 得 Used After Verb to **Introduce Complement of** Degree

"得"作程度补语标识 e.g., 他跑得真快。

Measure Words 量词 - 架,群 **Conjunctions to Indicate** Choice 选择关系连词 - 还是 in a question **Auxiliary Verbs** 助动词/能愿动词 - 能 过 Indicating Experience "过"表示经验 Use of 的 Particle to Indicate **Possessive Case** "的"用在省略句中 e.g., 妈妈做的饭。 **Sentence Structures**

句型 Comparative Structures 比较句型 - A没有 B + adjective

^{3.} Structured Situations: This term is used to describe learning situations where a familiar context for the use of specific linguistic elements is provided and students are guided in the use of these linguistic elements. Students in such situations will have increased awareness and emerging control of the linguistic elements and will be able to apply them in familiar contexts with teacher guidance. Student language is characterized by increasing fluency and confidence.

General Outcome for Language Competence

Students will use Chinese effectively and competently.

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grammatical elements

LC-1.4

LC-1 attend to form

Grade 7 Grade 8 (Nine-year Program) (Nine-year Program) **Affirmative Sentence Sentence Structures** Patterns 句型 肯定句型 **Comparative Structures** - subject + \pm + place + 比较句型 verb + (object)- A和/跟B一样+ adjective - 最 (superlative) **Interrogative Forms** 疑问词/短语 - 吗 (particle to create yes/no question) question words 怎么,什么时候,哪 年, 多少, 谁, 为什 仄 Affirmative-Negative **Ouestion Pattern** 正反疑问句 - adjective + $\overline{\Lambda}$ + adjective? (subject) + verb + $\overline{\Lambda}$ + verb + (object)?**Sentence Indicating** Location 存现句 positional noun + 是 /有 + noun - subject + \pm + place Sentence with Direct and **Indirect Object** 直接和间接宾语句 - subject + 给 + indirect object + direct object e.g.,他给我一本书。

Interrogative Forms 疑问词/短语 - question word structure 怎么 ...? 什么时候 ...? 哪年 ...?

Grade 9

(Nine-year Program)

多少 …? - 呢 used at the end of interrogative structure; e.g., 我的字典放在哪儿 呢?

Affirmative Sentence Patterns 肯定句型 - subject + time + 在 + place + verb + object

e.g., 我昨天晚上在家里看 电视。 "把" Structure "把"字句 (subject) + "把" + object + verb + complement e.g., 姐姐把房间收拾干净。 Affirmative-Negative **Ouestion Pattern** 正反疑问句 adjective + $\overline{\Lambda}$ + adjective? (subject) + verb + $\overline{\Lambda}$ + verb + (object)? 不 and 没 (有) to Indicate Negation 动词否定式 (subject) + 不/没(有) + verb e.g.,我不去。 我没(有)去。 我不吃早饭。 我没(有)吃早饭。 Sentence with Direct and **Indirect Object** 直接和间接宾语句 - subject + + indirect object + direct object e.g., 他给我一本书。

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General Outcome for Language Competence

Students will use Chinese effectively and competently.

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LC-1 attend to form

Grade 7 (Nine-year Program)	Grade 8 (Nine-year Program)	Grade 9 (Nine-year Program)					
Students will be able to:							
c. use, independently and consistently, ⁴ the following grammatical elements:							
Nouns	Positional Nouns	Positional Nouns					

名词 **Positional Nouns** 方位名词 - 上/下; 左/右; 前/后 Verbs 动词 **Adjective Phrases** 形容词短语 - adjective + noun **Pronouns** 代词 **Measure Words** 量词 - 支、张 **Auxiliary Verb** 助动词/能愿动词 - 会 **Exclamatory Particle** 语气助词 - 吧 **Sentence Structures** 句型 Imperatives 祈使短语 **Affirmative Sentence** Patterns 肯定句型

- subject + verb + object
 - subject + verb
- subject + adjective

方位名词 - 现在 Use of 在 as a Verb to **Indicate Location** "在"用作动词表示地点 - 在 + place Measure Words 量词 - 只,场 Adverbs 副词 - 也 - 都 Conjunctions 连词 - A还是B... **Auxiliary Verbs** 助动词/能愿动词 会 _ 可以 **Sentence Structures** 句型 **Expression of Time** 时间的表示方式 subject + time + verbtime + subject + verb _ e.g.,现在 **Imperatives (Negative)** 祈使短语 不要/别 + verb **Affirmative Sentence Patterns**

肯定句型 - subject + 在 + place + verb + (object) 方位名词 - 上面/下面; 左边/右边; 前面/后面 **Measure Words** 量词 - 件, 条 Prepositions 介词 - 从 Auxiliary Verb 会 Indicating Future "会"表示动作要发生 - \Leftrightarrow + verb (action) Particle 了 to Indicate **Perfect Aspect** "了"表示动作的完成 Use of 的 Particle to Indicate **Possessive Case** "的"用在省略句中 e.g.,妈妈做的饭。 得 Used After Verb to **Introduce Complement of** Degree "得"作程度补语标识 e.g., 他跑得真快。

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LC-1.4 grammatical elements

^{4.} Independently and Consistently: This term is used to describe learning situations where students use specific linguistic elements consistently in a variety of contexts with limited or no teacher guidance. Fluency and confidence characterize student language.

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LC-1 attend to form

	Grade 7 (Nine-year Program)	Grade 8 (Nine-year Program)	Grade 9 (Nine-year Program)
LC–1.4 grammatical elements	(Nine-year Program)	(Nine-year Program)	 Sentence Structures 句型 Comparative Structures 比较句型 A和/跟B一样+ adjective A比B+adjective 最 (superlative) Interrogative Forms 疑问词/短语 吗 (particle to create yes/no question) question words 怎么,什么时候,哪 年,多少,谁,为什么 Sentence Indicating Location 存现句 positional noun + 是/有 + noun
			 subject + 在 + place

LC-2 interpret and produce oral texts

	Grade 7 (Nine-year Program)	Grade 8 (Nine-year Program)	Grade 9 (Nine-year Program)
	Students will be able to:		
LC-2.1 aural interpretation	a. understand a variety of short, simple oral texts in guided and unguided situations	a. understand short oral texts on unfamiliar topics in guided situations	 a. understand short oral texts on unfamiliar topics in guided situations
LC-2.2 oral production	a. produce short, simple oral texts on various topics in guided situations	 a. produce short oral texts in guided and unguided situations 	 a. produce a variety of short oral texts in guided and unguided situations
LC-2.3 interactive fluency	a. manage simple, routine interactions without undue difficulty, asking for repetition or clarification when necessary	a. manage short interactions with ease, pausing for planning and repair	a. engage in short, spontaneous exchanges, with pauses for planning and repair

LC-3 interpret and produce written and visual texts

		Grade 7 (Nine-year Program)		Grade 8 (Nine-year Program)		Grade 9 (Nine-year Program)
	Stud	dents will be able to:				
LC-3.1 written interpretation		understand a variety of short, simple written texts	a.	understand short written texts on familiar topics	a.	understand short written texts on unfamiliar topics
LC-3.2 written production	-	produce a variety of short, simple written texts in guided situations	a.	produce short, simple written texts in guided and unguided situations	a.	produce a variety of short, simple written texts in guided and unguided situations
LC-3.3 viewing		derive meaning from the visual elements of a variety of media in guided and unguided situations	a.	derive meaning from a number of visual elements in a variety of media in guided and unguided situations	a.	derive meaning from a number of visual elements in a variety of media in guided and unguided situations
LC-3.4 representing		express meaning through the use of visual elements in a variety of media in guided and unguided situations	a.	express meaning through the use of a number of visual elements in a variety of media in guided and unguided situations	a.	express meaning through the use of a number of visual elements in a variety of media in guided and unguided situations

Students will use Chinese effectively and competently.

LC-4 apply knowledge of the sociocultural context

	Grade 7 (Nine-year Program)	Grade 8 (Nine-year Program)	Grade 9 (Nine-year Program)
	Students will be able to:		
LC-4.1 register	a. identify socially appropriate language in specific situations	a. explore formal and informal uses of language in a variety of contexts	a. use suitable, simple formal language in a variety of contexts
LC-4.2 idiomatic expressions	a. use learned idiomatic expressions correctly in new contexts	a. use learned idiomatic expressions in a variety of contexts	a. recognize and discuss the role of idiomatic expressions in culture
LC-4.3 variations in language	 a. recognize some common regional variations in language 	 a. recognize other influences resulting in variations in language 	a. recognize other influences resulting in variations in language
LC-4.4 social conventions	a. recognize important social conventions in everyday interactions	a. interpret the use of social conventions encountered in oral and written texts	a. use politeness conventions in interactions
LC-4.5 nonverbal communication	a. use appropriate nonverbal behaviours in a variety of familiar contexts	a. recognize nonverbal behaviours that are considered impolite	a. avoid nonverbal behaviours that are considered impolite

LC–5 apply knowledge of how discourse is organized, structured and sequenced

		Grade 7 (Nine-year Program)		Grade 8 (Nine-year Program)		Grade 9 (Nine-year Program)
	Sti	udents will be able to:				
5.1 sion/ ence	a.	organize texts, using common patterns	a.	organize texts to indicate steps in a procedure or directions to follow	a.	use a variety of conventions to structure texts
LC-5.1 cohesion/ coherence	b.	interpret simple references within texts	b.	use common conventions to structure texts	b.	interpret and use references within texts
LC-5.2 text forms	a.	recognize a variety of text forms delivered through a variety of media	a.	identify the organizational structure of a variety of text forms	a.	use a variety of familiar text forms and media in their own productions
LC-5.3 patterns of social interaction	a.	initiate interactions and respond, using a variety of social interaction patterns	a.	initiate interactions and respond, using a variety of appropriate social interaction patterns	a.	combine simple social interaction patterns to perform transactions and interactions; e.g., shopping, telephone conversations



Global Citizenship

historical and contemporary elements of Chinese culture	
	appreciating diversity
Students will acqu the knowledge, skills and to be effective global o	d attitudes
personal and career opportunit	ties

GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP

The learning outcomes for Global Citizenship deal with the development of intercultural competence, encompassing some of the knowledge, skills and attitudes that students need in order to be effective global citizens. The concept of global citizenship encompasses citizenship at all levels, from the local school and community to Canada and the world.

The various components of global citizenship are grouped under three cluster headings—see the illustration on the preceding page. Under each of these headings there are several strands, identified by strand headings at the left end of each row, which show the developmental flow of learning from grade to grade. Each strand deals with a single aspect of intercultural competence. For example, under the cluster heading "historical and contemporary elements of Chinese culture," there are strands for accessing/analyzing cultural knowledge, knowledge of Chinese culture, applying cultural knowledge, diversity within Chinese culture and valuing Chinese culture.

Developing cultural knowledge and skills is a lifelong process. Knowledge of one's own culture is acquired over a lifetime. Cultures change over time. Within any national group, there may be a dominant culture or cultures and a number of additional cultures. Rather than simply developing a bank of knowledge about Chinese culture, it is more important for students to develop skills in accessing and understanding information about culture and in applying that knowledge for the purposes of interaction and communication. Students will gain cultural knowledge in the process of developing these skills. In this way, if they encounter elements of the culture they have not learned about in class, they will have the skills and abilities to deal with them effectively and appropriately.

The "appreciating diversity" heading covers knowledge, skills and attitudes that are developed as a result of bringing other languages and cultures into relationship with one's own. There is a natural tendency when learning a new language and culture to compare it with what is familiar. Many students leave a second language learning experience with a heightened awareness and knowledge of their own language and culture. They will also be able to make some generalizations about languages and cultures based on their experiences and those of their classmates, who may have a variety of cultural backgrounds. This will provide students with an understanding of diversity within both a global and a Canadian context. Students will acquire the knowledge, skills and attitudes to be effective global citizens.

GC-1 historical and contemporary elements of Chinese culture

	Grade 7 (Nine-year Program)	Grade 8 (Nine-year Program)	Grade 9 (Nine-year Program)
	Students will be able to:		
GC-1.1 accessing/analyzing cultural knowledge	 a. explore and identify some social aspects of Chinese life; e.g., festivals, sports, communities b. formulate questions about elements of Chinese culture; e.g., patterns of behaviour or interaction typical of people their own age 	a. identify and use a variety of sources of information about Chinese culture	a. use research skills to test hypotheses about Chinese culture
GC-1.2 knowledge of Chinese culture	 a. explore some elements of Chinese culture; e.g., everyday ways of life of people their own age 	a. explore and identify some elements of Chinese culture; e.g., key historical events and their influence on contemporary ways of life and cultural values	a. explore and identify some elements of Chinese culture; e.g., major current events as a reflection of contemporary ways of life and cultural values
GC-1.3 applying cultural knowledge	 apply knowledge of elements of Chinese culture to interpret cultural behaviour that is different from their own 	a. apply knowledge of elements of Chinese culture in interactions with people and texts; e.g., interpret historical references	a. identify different perspectives on Chinese culture and speculate on their origins; e.g., identify stereotypes of Chinese culture present in their own community
GC-1.4 diversity within Chinese culture	a. apply knowledge of Chinese culture to interpret similarities and differences among diverse groups within Chinese culture	a. apply knowledge of diverse elements of Chinese culture in interactions with people and texts	a. identify different perspectives on diverse elements of Chinese culture and speculate on their origins
GC-1.5 valuing Chinese culture	 acknowledge cultural behaviours that are different from their own 	a. choose to participate in, and contribute to, activities and experiences that reflect Chinese culture	a. examine their own perceptions of Chinese language and culture, including stereotypes

General Outcome for Global Citizenship

Students will acquire the knowledge, skills and attitudes to be effective global citizens.

GC-2 appreciating diversity

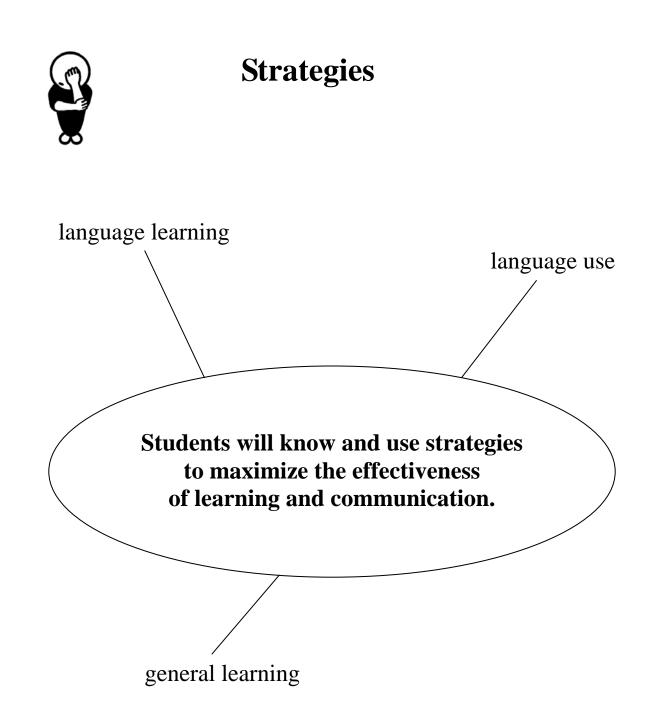
	Grade 7 (Nine-year Program)		Grade 8 (Nine-year Program)		Grade 9 (Nine-year Program)
	Students will be able to:				
GC-2.1 awareness of first language	a. compare oral and written aspects of their first language (or dialect) and Chinese; e.g., grammatical structures	a.	identify some words in their first language (or dialect) that have been borrowed from Chinese or from other languages	a.	identify some regional variations in their first language (or dialect)
GC-2.2 general language knowledge	a. recognize that languages can be grouped into families based on common origins	a.	identify how and why languages borrow from one another	a.	recognize that languages may have regional differences in pronunciation, vocabulary or structure
GC-2.3 awareness of own culture	a. identify some influences on the development of their personal identity	a.	identify shared references and the different connotations attached to them in Chinese culture and in their own culture	a.	identify some of the past and present relationships between Chinese culture and their own culture
aware	b. identify how cultural influences affect personal identity				
GC-2.4 general cultural knowledge	a. recognize that within any culture there are important differences in the way people speak and behave	a.	recognize some of the factors that affect the culture of a particular region; e.g., historical events, significant individuals	a.	recognize that different cultures may have different interpretations of texts, cultural practices or products
GC-2.5 valuing diversity	a. engage in activities that reflect other ways of doing things or other perspectivesb. identify the limitations of adopting a single perspective	a.	recognize and acknowledge different perspectives	a.	recognize the value of different perspectives
GC-2.6 intercultural skills	a. explore various strategies for interpersonal communication with people from different cultures	a.	explore various strategies for enhancing communication with people from various cultures		recognize and avoid stereotypical thinking
G				D.	identify and use a variety of strategies for enhancing relations with people from different cultures

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Students will acquire the knowledge, skills and attitudes to be effective global citizens.

GC-3 personal and career opportunities

		Grade 7 (Nine-year Program)		Grade 8 (Nine-year Program)		Grade 9 (Nine-year Program)
	Sti	udents will be able to:				
GC–3.1 Chinese language and culture	a.	explore personal reasons for learning Chinese	a.	identify aspects of the history, literature, arts and crafts of Chinese culture that are of personal interest	a.	identify some careers that use knowledge of Chinese
GC-3.2 cultural and linguistic diversity	a.	identify aspects of the history, literature, arts and crafts of different cultures that are of personal interest	a.	explore personal reasons for learning additional languages and experiencing other cultures	a.	identify some careers that use knowledge of international languages and cultures, and intercultural skills



STRATEGIES

Under the Strategies heading are specific outcomes that will help students learn and communicate more effectively. Strategic competence has long been recognized as an important component communicative of competence. The learning outcomes that follow deal not only with compensation and repair strategies, important in the early stages of language learning when proficiency is low, but with strategies for language learning, language use in a broader sense, as well as general learning strategies that help students acquire content. use Although people mav strategies unconsciously, the learning outcomes deal only with the conscious use of strategies.

The strategies are grouped under three cluster headings—see the illustration on the preceding page. Under each of these headings there are several strands that show the development of awareness and skill in using strategies from grade to grade. Each strand, identified by a strand heading at the left end of the row, deals with a specific category of strategy. Language learning and general learning strategies are categorized as cognitive, metacognitive and social/affective. The language use strategies are organized by communicative mode: interactive, interpretive and productive.

The strategies that students choose depend on the task they are engaged in as well as on other factors, such as their preferred learning style, personality, age, attitude and cultural background. Strategies that work well for one person may not be effective for another person, or may not be suitable in a different situation. For this reason, it is not particularly useful to say that students should be aware of, or able to use, a specific strategy at a particular grade level. Consequently, the specific outcomes describe the students' knowledge of and ability to use general types of strategies. More specific strategies for each general category or type are included in the sample list of strategies below. The specific strategies provided in the sample list are not prescriptive but are provided as an illustration of how the general strategies in the specific outcomes might be developed.

Teachers need to know and be able to demonstrate a broad range of strategies from which students are then able to choose in order to communicate effectively. Strategies of all kinds are best taught in the context of learning activities where students can apply them immediately and then reflect on their use.

SAMPLE LIST OF STRATEGIES

Language Learning Strategies

Cognitive

- listen attentively
- learn short rhymes or songs to practise new vocabulary or sentence patterns or to learn Hanyu pinyin
- memorize new words by repeating them silently or aloud
- seek the precise term to express meaning
- write out or say words or phrases repeatedly in a variety of contexts
- make personal dictionaries or maintain a language learning journal
- experiment with various elements of Chinese
- use mental images to remember new information
- group together sets of things—word formations, sentence structures, vocabulary words and phrases—with similar characteristics
- identify similarities and differences between aspects of Chinese and your own language
- look for patterns and relationships, such as grouping radicals
- use previously acquired knowledge to facilitate a learning task
- associate new words or expressions with familiar ones
- find information, using reference materials such as dictionaries, textbooks and grammars
- use available technological aids or other learning aids to support language learning
- use graphic organizers to make information easier to understand and remember; e.g., word maps, mind maps, diagrams, charts
- place new words or expressions in a context to make them easier to remember

- use induction to generate rules governing language use
- seek opportunities outside of class to practise and observe
- perceive and note down unknown words and expressions, noting also their context and function
- take lesson notes and review them
- memorize stroke order and the direction of strokes through repetition
- make and use personal flash cards
- use cues given by the teacher to determine the appropriate tone for a specific word

Metacognitive

- check copied writing for accuracy
- make choices about how you learn
- rehearse or role-play language
- decide in advance to attend to the learning task
- reflect on learning tasks with the guidance of the teacher
- make a plan in advance about how to approach a language learning task
- reflect on the listening, speaking, reading and writing process
- decide in advance to attend to specific aspects of input
- listen or read for key words
- evaluate your performance or comprehension at the end of a task
- experience various methods of language acquisition, and identify one or more considered to be particularly useful personally
- be aware of the potential of learning through direct exposure to the Chinese language
- know how strategies may enable coping with texts containing unknown elements
- identify problems that might hinder successful completion of a task, and seek solutions
- monitor your speech and writing to check for persistent errors
- be aware of your strengths and weaknesses, identify your needs and goals, and organize strategies and procedures accordingly

Social/Affective

- initiate or maintain interaction with others
- participate in shared reading experiences

- reread familiar self-chosen texts to enhance understanding and enjoyment
- work cooperatively with peers in small groups
- understand that making mistakes is a natural part of language learning
- experiment with various forms of expression, and note their acceptance or nonacceptance by more experienced speakers
- participate actively in brainstorming and conferencing as prewriting and postwriting exercises
- be willing to take risks and to try unfamiliar tasks and approaches
- repeat new words and expressions occurring in your conversations, and make use of these new words and expressions as soon as appropriate
- find ways to overcome/reduce anxiety
- work with others to solve problems and get feedback on tasks
- provide personal motivation by arranging your own rewards when successful

Language Use Strategies

Interactive

- interpret and use a variety of nonverbal cues to communicate; e.g., mime, pointing, gestures, pictures
- indicate lack of understanding of Chinese text/expressions through questioning in Chinese
- ask for clarification or repetition when you do not understand
- use words from your first language to get meaning across
- use other speakers' words in subsequent conversations
- assess feedback from a conversation partner to recognize when a message has not been understood; e.g., raised eyebrows, blank look
- start again, using a different tactic, when communication breaks down
- use a simple word similar to the concept to convey, and invite correction
- invite others into the discussion
- ask for confirmation that a form used is correct

- use circumlocution to compensate for lack of vocabulary
- repeat part of what someone has said to confirm mutual understanding
- summarize the point reached in a discussion to help focus the talk
- ask follow-up questions to check for understanding
- self-correct if errors lead to misunderstanding

Interpretive

- attend to gestures, intonation and visual supports to aid comprehension
- make connections between texts on the one hand and prior knowledge and personal experience on the other
- use illustrations to aid reading comprehension
- determine the purpose of listening
- listen or look for key words
- listen selectively based on purpose
- make predictions about what you expect to hear or read based on prior knowledge and personal experience
- use knowledge of the sound–symbol system to aid reading comprehension
- infer probable meanings of unknown words or expressions from contextual clues
- prepare questions or a guide to note down information found in a text
- use key content words or discourse markers to follow an extended text
- reread several times to understand complex ideas
- summarize information gathered
- assess your information needs before listening, viewing or reading
- use skimming and scanning to locate key information in texts
- focus on parts of a character, such as the radical or sound element, to guess the meaning and/or pronunciation of a word

Productive

- mimic what the teacher says
- use nonverbal means to communicate
- copy what others say or write
- use words that are visible in the immediate environment

- use resources to increase vocabulary and to develop other language structures
- use familiar repetitive patterns to compose oral or written texts (stories, songs, rhymes, familiar classroom routines/phrases/patterns)
- use illustrations to provide detail when producing your own texts
- use various techniques to explore ideas at the planning stage, such as brainstorming or keeping a notebook or log of ideas
- use knowledge of sentence patterns to form new sentences
- be aware of and use the steps of the writing process: prewriting (gathering ideas, planning the text, research, organizing the text), writing, revision (rereading, moving pieces of text, rewriting pieces of text), correction (grammar, spelling, punctuation) and publication (reprinting, adding illustrations, binding)
- use a variety of resources to correct texts, such as personal and commercial dictionaries, checklists, grammars, teachers
- take notes in Chinese when reading or listening to assist in producing your own text
- edit and proofread the final version of a text
- use circumlocution and definition to compensate for gaps in vocabulary
- apply grammar rules to improve accuracy at the correction stage
- compensate for avoiding difficult structures by rephrasing
- combine previously learned language elements with new language elements to produce new oral and written texts

General Learning Strategies

Cognitive

- classify objects and ideas according to their attributes; e.g., sports you have been involved in
- use models
- connect what is already known with what is being learned
- experiment with, and concentrate on, one thing at a time
- record key words and concepts in abbreviated form—verbal, graphic or numerical—to assist with performance of a learning task

- use mental images to remember new information
- distinguish between fact and opinion when using a variety of sources of information
- formulate key questions to guide research
- make inferences, and identify and justify the evidence on which these inferences are based
- use graphic organizers to make information easier to understand and remember; e.g., word maps, mind maps, diagrams, charts
- seek information through a network of sources, including libraries, the Internet, individuals and agencies
- use previously acquired knowledge or skills to assist with a new learning task

Metacognitive

- reflect on learning tasks
- choose from among learning options
- discover how your efforts can affect learning
- reflect upon your thinking processes and how you learn
- divide an overall learning task into a number of subtasks
- make a plan in advance about how to approach a task
- identify your needs and interests
- manage your physical working environment
- develop criteria for evaluating your work
- work with others to monitor your learning
- take responsibility for planning, monitoring and evaluating learning experiences

Social/Affective

- watch others' actions and copy them
- seek help from others
- follow your natural curiosity and intrinsic motivation to learn
- participate in cooperative group learning tasks
- choose learning activities that enhance understanding and enjoyment
- be encouraged to try, even though you might make mistakes
- take part in group decision-making processes
- use support strategies to help peers persevere at learning tasks; e.g., offer encouragement, praise, ideas
- participate in/initiate group problem-solving processes

- be willing to take risks and to try unfamiliar tasks and approaches
- monitor your level of anxiety about learning tasks, and take measures to lower it if necessary; e.g., deep breathing, laughter
- use social interaction skills to enhance group learning activities

General Outcome for Strategies

Students will know and use strategies to maximize the **effectiveness** of learning and communication.

S–1 language learning

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		Grade 7 (Nine-year Program)		Grade 8 (Nine-year Program)		Grade 9 (Nine-year Program)
	St	udents will be able to:				
S-1.1 cognitive	a.	identify and use a variety of cognitive strategies to enhance language learning	a.	select and use a variety of cognitive strategies to enhance language learning	a.	select and use a variety of cognitive strategies to enhance language learning
S-1.2 metacognitive	a.	identify and use a variety of metacognitive strategies to enhance language learning	a.	select and use a variety of metacognitive strategies to enhance language learning	a.	select and use a variety of metacognitive strategies to enhance language learning
S-1.3 social/affective	a.	identify and use a variety of social and affective strategies to enhance language learning	a.	select and use a variety of social and affective strategies to enhance language learning	a.	select and use a variety of social and affective strategies to enhance language learning

See pages 34 and 35 for a sample list of language learning strategies.

General Outcome for Strategies

Students will know and use strategies to maximize the **effectiveness** of learning and communication.

S–2 language use

	Grade 7 (Nine-year Program)	Grade 8 (Nine-year Program)	Grade 9 (Nine-year Program)
	Students will be able to:		
S–2.1 interactive	a. identify and use a variety of interactive strategies to enhance language use	a. select and use a variety of interactive strategies to enhance language use	a. select and use a variety of interactive strategies to enhance language use
S-2.2 interpretive	a. identify and use a variety of interpretive strategies to enhance language use	a. select and use a variety of interpretive strategies to enhance language use	a. select and use a variety of interpretive strategies to enhance language use
S–2.3 productive	a. identify and use a variety of productive strategies to enhance language use	a. select and use a variety of productive strategies to enhance language use	a. select and use a variety of productive strategies to enhance language use

See pages 35 and 36 for a sample list of language use strategies.

General Outcome for Strategies

Students will know and use strategies to maximize the **effectiveness** of learning and communication.

S–3 general learning

	Grade 7 (Nine-year Program)	Grade 8 (Nine-year Program)	Grade 9 (Nine-year Program)
	Students will be able to:		
S–3.1 cognitive	a. identify and use a variety of cognitive strategies to enhance general learning	a. select and use a variety of cognitive strategies to enhance general learning	a. select and use a variety of cognitive strategies to enhance general learning
S–3.2 metacognitive	a. identify and use a variety of metacognitive strategies to enhance general learning	a. select and use a variety of metacognitive strategies to enhance general learning	a. select and use a variety of metacognitive strategies to enhance general learning
S-3.3 social/affective	a. identify and use a variety of social and affective strategies to enhance general learning	a. select and use a variety of social and affective strategies to enhance general learning	a. select and use a variety of social and affective strategies to enhance general learning

See pages 36 and 37 for a sample list of general learning strategies.