



FRENCH LANGUAGE PROGRAMS



LATE FRENCH IMMERSION

School District 22 offers a Late French Immersion program beginning in Grade 6. This program is open to any Grade 6 student who wishes to learn French. The Late French Immersion program is a two-year intensive program from which students then continue on at Seaton Secondary School in the French Immersion program. Students in this program receive specialized instruction and learning opportunities in French that increase student engagement and success.

What is the cost? No cost.

How to apply? Registration at École Harwood Elementary. Registration is by a lottery system. Please visit the school district website for information regarding the lottery process.

Need more details?

Please join us virtually via Zoom on **Thursday, January 14, 2021 at 6:00 PM** for a Parent Information meeting.

If you have any questions, please contact:

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What is Late French Immersion?

Late French Immersion is a program that has been offered in School District 22 since 2003. It is available to any student who will be entering Grade 6 in September of that year.

Students are taught all subjects in French and do not need to have any previous French skills. Through the immersion process, students become more fluent in French and gain a deeper understanding of French culture. Upon completion of Grade 7, students are ready to join the French Immersion program in Grades 8 through 12 at WL Seaton Secondary.



GRADE 6

For the first few months, you'll learn a LOT of French! Listening, talking, reading and writing will help you acquire the language. Your bilingual teacher will teach all classroom subjects in French, using a lot of expression and actions to help you understand. Before too long, you will feel comfortable learning, interacting, and having fun in French!

GRADE 7

All classroom subjects will continue to be taught in French, but English language arts is reintroduced. You'll study the regular Grade 7 curriculum and continue to improve your language skills in order to be ready for the French Immersion program in Grade 8 at WL Seaton Secondary!

Top 5 Reasons to Enroll in Late French Immersion!

1. Experience the challenge of learning in a new language.
2. Develop a "bilingual brain." Learn to understand and communicate well in both French and English.
3. Meet new friends from all over Vernon.
4. Learn about the French culture.
5. Start working towards a Bilingual Dogwood Certificate when you graduate from Grade 12.

Characteristics to be Successful in Late French Immersion

- **Passion for languages:** Students must have a sincere desire and motivation to learn French.
- **Perseverance:** There will be challenges when learning a new language and learning in a new language! Students have to keep their goal in mind, and be ready to work through challenges.
- **Open-Mindedness:** It is important for students to be willing to take risks, try new things, and be uncomfortable. This is a new experience!

What commitment do parents need to make?

- Encouragement through challenges - help your child understand that learning something new is difficult and it is okay to struggle! Celebrate small steps and consistent progress.
- Support in developing good organization and review/homework routines.
- Support in consistent attendance - help your child be at school and on time every day.
- Parents do not need to speak or understand French!