

Late French Immersion Program

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What is Late French Immersion?

Late French Immersion is a program designed for students whose first language is not French.

Late French Immersion begins in grade 7 and continues until grade 12.

Why Learn French?

- * Canada's official languages are French and English
- * Strengthens problem-solving, reasoning and creative thinking skills
- * Helps develop understanding and appreciation of other cultures
- * Provides more opportunities in a global job market and participate in a globalized economy

Curriculum Outcomes

Late French Immersion students follow the same curriculum as English program students in Nova Scotia with the expectation of meeting the same outcomes.

Grade 7 LFI students will take 70-75% of their courses in French, including French Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies and Healthy Living.

Is Late French Immersion the Right Choice For Your Child?

- * Does your child enjoy French?
- * Is she/he interested in being immersed in the language?
- * Is your child ready for a challenge?
- * Does your child take the initiative?
- * Is your child someone who is motivated and willing to take risks?
- * You know your child the best.

What to Expect Entering French Immersion

- * We ask that students commit to the program for a minimum of one year.
- * Teachers will give students the tools to help them communicate in French.
- * Students quickly start to acquire the language.
- * It is natural for the student to sometimes feel overwhelmed especially in the first few months.
- * Students will develop a sense of pride and accomplishment with their new language.

Language Acquisition

Students acquire French language skills through:

- * Teacher modelling and instruction
- * Authentic opportunities to communicate and interact
- * Linking oral language, reading and writing

The role of the FSL parent

- * As parents you need to be patient as well!
Language learning takes place over a period of time.
- * Students will learn at different rates depending on their aptitude, work habits, motivation and organization.

Ideas For Parents to Help Students

- * HRCE website, French links, LFI Teacher websites
- * French language television such as Netflix, Prime, Disney+, TFO (French TV Ontario)
- * Extracurricular and community activities which promote French language and culture. French Summer Camps through CPF.

At High School Completion...

- * Students receive a French Immersion completion certificate
- * Students should be able to:
 - Communicate effectively in oral and written French and English
 - Pursue university or college education in French

Helpful Links

- * Canadian Parents for French www.cpf.ca
- * FSL Homework Toolbox
www.fslhomeworktoolbox.ca/index.php
- * www.wordreference.com