Benefits of Late French Immersion

- Second language instruction develops students' thinking skills, creativity and coping skills
- Learning a second language helps develop deeper under-standing of the first language—and English has 10,000 French root words
- Learning a second language makes learning a third and fourth much easier, especially if it's also a Romance language, like Spanish or Romanian
- French can open study and job opportunities, even if French is not the language of work in that setting
- French can make travel easier in more than 70 Francophone countries and Quebec
- French can help students access special university programs and scholarships

Resources

- *SD40*
  http://district.sd40.bc.ca/programs-services/french-immersion-montessori-programs
- *Canadian Parents for French*
  http://cpf.ca/
- New Westminster Public Library
  http://www.nwpl.ca/kids/resources.php
- *French for Kids*
  http://french.about.com/od/kids/
- *Radio Canada Jeunesse*
  http://ici.radio-canada.ca/jeunesse/
- Supporting your Child's Success in French Immersion by Ontario Education
  https://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/literacynumeracy/parentGuideFrench.pdf
- *TV5Monde*
  http://apprendre.tv5monde.com/

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Programs of Choice

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New Westminster School District Late French Immersion Program

What does immersion mean

Students learn **in** French rather than about French

French is used to fulfill needs, acquire information, and to communicate

Graduates are able communicate effectively in French and English

Students develop an understanding and appreciation of French culture

How do I apply

Applications for French Immersion will be available online from the third Monday in January to the second Friday in February at http://district.sd40.bc.ca/ under Programs . A randomized draw will be used to determine student placements in French Immersion.

Location of Program

École Glenbrook Middle School
(Late French Immersion Gr. 6-7, Immersion Gr. 8)
701 Park Crescent

École New Westminster Secondary School (French Immersion Gr. 9-12)
835 Eighth Street

How many classes will my child take in French?

In grade 6, all instruction is in French except Exploratories and Career and Health Education.

In grade 7 and 8, all instruction is in French except English Language Arts, Exploratories and Career and Health Education.

In grade 9, students take Français Langue 9 and three other courses in French.

In grades 10-12, students take Français Langue each year and three additional courses in French.

Commonly Asked Questions

1. Should my child know some French before enrolling in French Immersion? Students are not required to have any background in French.

2. What if I don't speak French at home? Most French Immersion parents don't speak French! Teachers know that and communicate with parents in English.

3. When can my child begin Late French Immersion? Late French Immersion is available at grade 6. Children are not able to enter at any other grade unless they already have considerable fluency, because otherwise they would be too far behind the students who began in grade 6.

4. Why does late French change to Immersion in grade 8? Students in the Early and Late French Immersion streams are mixed at grade 8; teachers make allowances for the different skill levels in French from then to grade 12.