



THE LATE FRENCH IMMERSION PROGRAM

RIDGECLIFF MIDDLE SCHOOL

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WHAT IS LATE FRENCH IMMERSION?

- A program designed for students entering into Grade 7, whose experience has been limited to elementary Core French.
- Students follow the same learning outcomes as defined by the DoE, however the main subject courses are taught in French.
- Students will be encouraged to speak French all of the time in their FI classes.



WHY IS FRENCH SECOND LANGUAGE IMPORTANT?

Students have significant advantages when they speak more than one language. Learning another language helps students:

- strengthen their problem-solving, reasoning and creative thinking skills.
- develop their understanding and appreciation of diverse cultures.
- increase their competitiveness in an increasingly global job market.
- enhance their first-language and overall literacy skills.



THE LFI PROGRAM IS DESIGNED TO...

- enable all students to communicate effectively in French
- enable all students to work and study purposefully, both independently and cooperatively.
- enable all students to solve problems individually and collaboratively.
- encourage personal development of skills, attitudes and values.

THE ROLE OF THE FSL PARENT

The best way to help your child is to be positive and supportive:

- Encourage your child to read, watch TV and speak in French at home when possible.
- Be patient as language learning takes place over a period of time and students will learn at different rates.
- Parents do not need to speak French for their children to be successful in the program.



HIGH SCHOOL

Students will receive a French Immersion Certificate at the end of grade 12 upon completion of course requirements. Upon completion, students should be able to:

- function in a French-speaking community
- accept a job where French is the working language
- pursue university or college education in French

FAQ- DO I NEED TO SPEAK FRENCH TO HELP MY CHILD?

No, you do not need to speak French and most parents and guardians of our past students do not speak French. We will provide resources that they can use to practice at home and strategies to provide help with homework. One of the most important roles you can play is to encourage your child to participate in all elements of their learning; both at school and at home.



FAQ

WILL MY CHILD'S MARKS BE AFFECTED BY BEING IN THE PROGRAM?

Yes, student marks often drop temporarily while they adjust to the new program. This impact is lessened as the student's French proficiency increases.

FAQ- How CHALLENGING WILL IT BE FOR MY CHILD TO ADJUST TO FRENCH IMMERSION?

The beginning of the year can be challenging for students. This is understandable given that they are transitioning from an English speaking program to one in which all of their core subjects are in French. However, the Late Immersion program is designed to 'transition' them at a gradual rate. The expectations are adjusted throughout the year.

FAQ- Will the Late Immersion students join the Early Immersion program in later years?

Yes, the Grade 9 Late Immersion program will join the Early Immersion program. After two years of instruction to improve their French, they are able to keep up with the expectations of the Early Immersion program.

HOW OFTEN DO THE STUDENTS HAVE INSTRUCTION IN FRENCH?

Immersion students have 1 hour of French Language Arts instruction per day in addition to their other content courses (Math, Science, Social Studies and Healthy Living) being taught in French. They will also maintain their English literacy skills through their English Language Arts course. Their elective courses such as Art, Physical Education, Family Studies and Tech Ed are also taught in English.



CONTACT

If you have any questions concerning the Late Immersion program, you are welcome to contact us at any time.

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