

Late Immersion is coming to Journey!

What is it?

Late French Immersion is a program where students enter in Grade 6 and learn to become fluent in French. By Grade 8, they are at the same fluency level as Early French Immersion students (who enter the program in Kindergarten or Grade 1).

Who is it for?

Students who self-select, want to learn French and are willing to take risks with their learning are the most successful.

How does it work?

Students enter in Grade 6. All subjects are taught in French – no English Language Arts until Grade 7, except for ADST, Academies, Exploratories and Band. The goal is 100% French classroom instruction. The focus is on French language development in listening comprehension and building confidence in speaking French. Second language learning design includes games, themes, songs, drama and other engaging activities. Students join the Early French Immersion cohort in Grade 8. At EMCS, they can continue in French Immersion and graduate with a Dual Dogwood Certificate.

When does it start?

September 2025

What does it mean for my child's future education?

Classes tend to be smaller, with students creating a tight-knit cohort. Students can participate in the French Immersion Program until Grade 12, graduating with a Dual Dogwood Certificate. Students' French language of instruction changes throughout their educational path (see reverse). French Immersion can provide opportunities for students' worlds to open in terms of employment, culture, travel and post-secondary education.

How do I sign up?

Registration will open in late January (<https://webserver.sd62.bc.ca/schools/registration>). For more information or questions, please email Stephanie Croft at scroft@sd62.bc.ca.

More information at Parent Information Meeting, January 20th at 6:00 at Journey

FRENCH IMMERSION

PROGRAMS STRUCTURE BY SOOKE SCHOOL DISTRICT

STRUCTURE DES PROGRAMMES

D'IMMERSION FRANÇAISE DANS LE CONSEIL SCOLAIRE DE SOOKE



GRADES **K-3** **100%**
FRENCH INSTRUCTION

Through primary years Kindergarten to Grade 3

GRADES **4-7** **80%**
FRENCH INSTRUCTION

In Grade 4 English Language Arts is introduced into French Immersion Program. French program continues in middle schools, and continues through grade 7



LATE IMMERSION (LFI)

Grade 5
L'entrée dans le Collège
Only

GRADE 6 (LFI)

100%
FRENCH INSTRUCTION

GRADE 7 (LFI)

80%
FRENCH INSTRUCTION

GRADE **8** **50 TO 75%**
FRENCH INSTRUCTION

GRADE **9** **50%**
FRENCH INSTRUCTION

Required French courses: Français langue seconde 9, sciences humaines 9, mathématiques 9, sciences 9

GRADE **11** **25%**
FRENCH INSTRUCTION

GRADE **10** **50%**
FRENCH INSTRUCTION

Required French courses: Français langue seconde 11, explorations en sciences humaines 11

Required French courses: Français langue seconde 10, sciences humaines 10, mathématiques 10, carrières 10

GRADE **12** **25%**
FRENCH INSTRUCTION

Required French courses: Français langue seconde 12, Français AP 12



DOUBLE DOGWOOD

Students completing the above French Immersion Graduation Pathway in SO62 (via both Early and Late entry programs) will earn a Diplôme de fin d'études secondaires en Colombie-Britannique in addition to a British Columbia Certificate of Graduation.

