

How can I support my child in Late French Immersion?

It is important to note that it is not necessary to speak French in order to help your child in the French Immersion Program. You can provide invaluable support in any or all of the following ways:

- Stay positive and encourage your child especially during the first few months.
- Get to know your child's teachers, participate in parent-teacher interviews, and make a point to contact the teachers at any point if you have questions regarding your child's progress.
- Show an interest in what your child is learning. On a regular basis, encourage him or her to explain to you about what he or she has been learning, this will help to identify very early on any content areas where your child may need clarification.
- Invest in a reputable bilingual dictionary for home use.
- Pick out a few French language television shows to watch together.
- Rent, buy or loan French language DVDs and books.
- Take advantage of local French cultural events.
- Join *Canadian Parents for French*. CPF provides a strong base of support for parents with children in French second language programs. Examples of support include; French public speaking opportunities and summer camps for students, as well as information and resources for parents.

Please contact your school principal for eligibility in your area.

Useful Links:

www.hrsb.ns.ca
www.ednet.ns.ca
www.cpf.ca

Halifax Regional School Board
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French Second Language Programs

Late French Immersion



What is Late French Immersion?

The French Immersion Program is designed for students whose first language is not French. It is a very effective approach to learning French as a second language. French Immersion allows students to become functionally fluent in French while achieving all the required learning outcomes of the curriculum offered in Nova Scotia public schools.



What grade level offers Late French Immersion?

The Late Immersion Program is offered in designated schools from grades 7 to 12. Students may enroll in the program after grade 6—where they have already taken Core French (offered as a mandate in all Nova Scotia Public Schools from Grades 4 to 6).

What is the percentage of classes offered in French?

Grades 7-9 : 70-75%

Grades 10-12: minimum of 9 credits taught in French (50%)

The Late French Immersion Program is designed to enable all students to:

- Communicate effectively in French using listening, speaking, viewing, reading, writing as well as other means of representation
- Work and study purposefully, both independently and in groups
- Solve problems individually and collaboratively
- Encourage personal development of skills, attitudes and values
- Express ideas and feelings using various forms of communication
- Locate, evaluate, adapt, create and share information using a wide range of sources and technologies.



What does the research indicate?

According to the Canadian Education Association (1992), research over the years has found no negative impact on students'

first language skills. Research has indicated that what a student knows and understands about one language can often be used to support knowledge and understanding of a second language (language transfer). Thus, the reading, writing, and interpretation skills that your child is

learning and practising in French may also help him or her make new connections in his or her first language.

How do students obtain a French Immersion Certificate?

In order to obtain a French Immersion Certificate upon graduation, students must successfully complete French Language Arts 10, 11, and 12, as well as six other French Immersion courses during their three years of high school.