

LATE FRENCH IMMERSION

Background

Late French Immersion programs are programs of choice offered in the District, which reflect Ministry of Education policy. The District recognizes that French Immersion programming benefits the cognitive and social development of students, as well as their opportunities for career advancement.

Procedures

1. Program Objectives

- 1.1 French Immersion is a separate program where instruction is offered in the French language for second language learners.
- 1.2 Instruction in the Immersion program will parallel the regular English program in structure, content and academic standards.
- 1.3 The major goal of French Immersion is to provide the opportunity for non-Francophone students to become bilingual in English and French.
- 1.4 Upon successful completion of the French Immersion program, it is expected that the students will be able to:
 - 1.4.1 Participate easily in conversations in French and English;
 - 1.4.2 Take post-secondary courses with French as the language of instruction; and/or
 - 1.4.3 Accept employment with French as the language of the workplace.

2. Availability

- 2.1 At the middle school level, the Late French Immersion program is available at KVR Middle School in Penticton and at Summerland Middle School in Summerland.
- 2.2 At the senior high level, the program is available at Penticton Secondary and Summerland Secondary.

3. Student Eligibility

- 3.1 Any students entering grade six (6) in any year may enter Late French Immersion programming in September of that year.

4. Selection Process

- 4.1 Applications for Late French Immersion must be received at the District Office by noon on February 1 of each year. When a February 1 falls on a weekend, the deadline will be at noon on the first day of school after February 1.

4.2 Parents of all applicants will be notified in writing of the status of their application. Any applications received after the deadline will be placed on a wait list as space becomes available and in date/time order.

5. Transportation

Students who travel to schools outside their catchment areas are not eligible for transportation services, but may be allowed access to transportation services as a courtesy rider.

Reference: Sections 8.2, 17, 20, 22, 65, 75, 85 School Act
School Regulation 265/89
Education Program Guide M333/99
Section 23 Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedom

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