



FRENCH IMMERSION PROGRAM

The French Immersion Program starts in Senior Kindergarten and continues until Grade 12.

French immersion provides children with many benefits, both tangible and intangible.

These include:

- ✦ A greater number of career opportunities.
- ✦ A lifelong ability to communicate with French-speakers, here in Canada and around the globe.
- ✦ Enriched travel experiences, especially to the many countries where French is spoken.
- ✦ Superior creativity and problem-solving ability.
- ✦ A facility for learning other languages.
- ✦ A deeper understanding of their own and other cultures.
- ✦ Furthermore, data shows that the second language immersion students have exceptional success in mathematical computation.

Some frequently asked questions:

Which subjects are taught in French?

- ✦ The Arts (Drama, Music and Visual Arts)
- ✦ Social Studies (History and Geography)
- ✦ French Language
- ✦ Health and Physical Education

I don't speak French -- how will I be able to help my children with the school work?

Immersion programs were designed for children whose parents have little or no facility in French. The numbers prove that the belief in the value of second-language education has no boundaries. Hundreds of thousands of young Canadians enrolled in French Immersion programs come from a variety of cultures, nationalities and backgrounds.

How will French Immersion affect my child's progress in English?

Research has consistently shown that the English-language skills of French immersion students meet or exceed those children in regular or English-language programs. Academic ability is not related to performance in French language skills. A child experiencing reading, writing or other classroom difficulties will exhibit that problem regardless of the language of instruction.

Source-Canadian Parents For French: *Stay in French*

Your French Immersion Sites are:

St. Eugene
120 Parkdale Ave. S.
905 545-9598

St. Joseph
290 Locke St. S.
905 529-1002

Sts. Peter and Paul
49 Fennell Ave. East
905 383-4911

Cathedral High
30 Wentworth St. N.
905 522-3581

For Further Information:

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