

Frequently Asked Questions

IS ANY PREVIOUS KNOWLEDGE OF FRENCH REQUIRED?

No, Late Immersion is for students who are entering French Immersion for the first time.

WHAT IS REQUIRED?

Good attention, good listening skills, a willingness to learn and to risk mistakes, and good organizational habits, especially homework completion.

WHAT ARE SOME CHARACTERISTICS OF BRANTON STUDENTS?

- Creative & critical thinkers
- High expectations
- High achievers
- Strong family involvement and support
- Highly involved in the community (Sports, Music, etc.)

Since it is usually the student's decision to enroll in the French Immersion Program, this Program of Choice tends to attract academically strong and highly motivated students.

HOW WILL I BE ABLE TO UNDERSTAND THE TEACHER IF I DON'T SPEAK FRENCH?

The teacher will use repetition, visual, technology, modified resources, dramatization, words lexically similar to English and other strategies. Extra help is always available after school and during lunchtime, if required.

IS THE CURRICULUM THE SAME AS IN ENGLISH?

Yes, but instead of 4 core subjects there are 5 in the Immersion Program because of the addition of French Language Arts.

IS THE DELIVERY OF CURRICULUM SIMILAR TO THE ENGLISH PROGRAM?

In many ways the format resembles the one used in the English program: Lessons with explanations and examples, discussions, collaborative work, oral and written, research for projects, reading, dramatizations, games, presentations, reviews, tests, homework.

Branton's Motto

**Equality, Respect, Friendship, Safety,
Accountability, and Community.**

Registration

Late French Immersion Open House: February 1, 2018

Registration Period: January 22nd – February 13, 2018

Grade 6 Orientation: May 1 and 2, 2018

Registration forms will be available in the main office, School website and at the Open House. Completed registration package includes:

- ☒ CBE K-9 Transfer Form
- ☒ Parent Acknowledgement of Understanding Alt. Programs
- ☒ CBE Registration Form for non-CBE students
- ☒ Canadian Birth certificate/Passport for non-CBE students
- ☒ Proof of Address for non-CBE students



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Branton Late French Immersion Program 2018-2019

*Le français, c'est une façon de vivre.
French: it's a way of life.*



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Late French Immersion Program Description

Late French Immersion is a unique, exciting opportunity for students in Grade 7. This CBE Program of Choice enables any student interested in a greater challenge to develop competencies in French, while simultaneously learning provincial curriculum objectives of that grade. Future opportunities will become available as a result of learning French in an immersion setting.

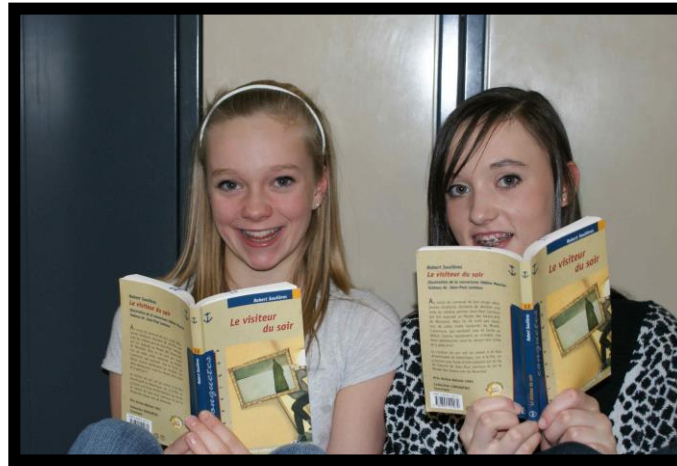


French as a Second Language provides an opportunity to learn some basic spoken French 2-3 hours a week, while Late French Immersion provides you with the opportunity to read, listen, write and communicate in French in four academic subjects: Mathematics; Social Studies; Science; and French Language Arts. Immersion goes beyond learning about French, to learning through French.



Late French Immersion Program Description

Students are bilingual upon completion of the three-year junior high program. Branton has 729 students currently enrolled in Grades 7 through 9. All students participate in French Immersion, and between 40 and 50% of Grade 7 & 8 students participate in the Late French Immersion Program. Early and Late French Immersion students are mixed in Grade 9. At the end of Grade 9, the Late Immersion students' skills are comparable to students who have been in immersion since Grade 1 – an impressive feat! Branton students' designated high school is William Aberhart. Students from the Late French Immersion program become eligible for the Bilingual Competency Certificate upon completion of the appropriate senior high school courses.



Learning a second language:

- ✓ develops learning and listening skills
- ✓ increases cognitive abilities
- ✓ creates a more flexible thinker
- ✓ improves skills in one's first language
- ✓ makes learning yet another language easier



Complementary Courses

The complementary courses offered to students at Branton are:

- Animation
- Art
- Applied Technology
- A/V Productions
- Band
- Band- Jazz
- Construction
- Dance
- Drama
- Fashion
- Film Making
- Foods
- Graphics
- Leadership
- International Studies
- Multimedia
- Photography
- Yoga



Extracurricular Activities

Extracurricular activities include: Soccer, Volleyball, Basketball, Wrestling, Badminton, Track and Field, Debate, Environment, Yearbook, Student Council, Newspaper, Ping-Pong, Art club and other clubs.

Home of the Tigers

