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BRANTON SCHOOL

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What is Late French Immersion?

Late immersion is a program which enables any student who has an interest in learning a second language to develop competence in French while simultaneously achieving provincial curriculum objectives.

Late Immersion affords students a formal classroom environment for learning French. Informal second language learning experiences are beneficial to further develop competency in French. Individual schools develop and provide these in a variety of ways such as clubs, camps, exchanges, debate, and field trips.

Late Immersion is a three year program (Grade 7, 8 and 9) that enables students to pursue further French Immersion study at the Senior High level with the Early Immersion students. At the completion of the appropriate Senior High courses, students from the Late Immersion Program become eligible for the Bilingual Competency Certificate.

Late Immersion Program Objectives

- Achieving the curricula learning outcomes of Alberta Learning in all core subject areas.
- Promoting the skills necessary to study and learn in a new language.
- Maintaining development of English while developing competency in French.
- Motivating students to further their interest and studies in French.
- Exposing students to the Francophone culture.
- Providing students with an enriching and enjoyable experience.

For Parents of Late Immersion Students

The decision to enroll in the Late Immersion Program should be a cooperative one between the parent and the child. To succeed in the Immersion Program, it is essential for both the parents and the students to have a positive and committed attitude. Parents need not have any French background. The most important factor is the encouragement and positive support they are able to give their child. Extra encouragement will be needed during the first few months in Grade 7 before listening to French and thinking in French become natural for the student. The student may not have had to listen with such a degree of concentration before. While this contributes to the development of language skills and work habits, parents should be aware that students might experience a high level of fatigue.

Who can enroll?

- Any student who has completed Grade 6.
- Students who are already fluent in French may be admitted to the Grade 7 Early Immersion Program at Branton, Georges P. Vanier and Bob Edward schools in the North, Bishop Pinkham, Fairview, Elboya in the South.

Course of Studies

The following core subjects are taught entirely in French:

- French Language Arts
- Mathematics
- Social Studies
- Science

The following courses are taught by subject specialist in English:

- Computers
- English Language Arts
- Physical Education
- Complementary subject areas such as Industrial Arts, Fashion, Foods, Drama, Art, Band, Dance, Photography and International Studies.

Students in the Late French Immersion Program normally have fewer complementary courses. Content is introduced more slowly until vocabulary is built. By year-end, the Provincial curricula learning outcomes for each subject has been covered.

Transportation

There are **no** charter transportation services (yellow buses) for all Branton students. Most students use Calgary Transit or make their own arrangements.

School Organization

Our School is divided into four teams. Each team represents the teachers involved with your child. In Grade 7 and Grade 8, we have a dual track, i.e. Early Immersion and Late immersion. Students from both tracks are blended at the Grade 9 level.

At the Senior High level, the continuation of the Late Immersion Program to Grade 12 is available at William Aberhart Senior High School in the North. Early and Late Immersion students are combined for the teaching of the three subjects taught in French: Social Studies, Math and French Language Arts. Students wanting to enroll in the IB French program would be attending Western Canada High School.

Registration Information

Registrations for the Late French Immersion Program begins January 22nd 2018 and documents must be submitted to the school's office. Registrations received after February 13th 2018 will be placed on a call back list. Parents must register in person for this Program. If the student is coming from a school outside of the Calgary Board of Education, a copy of their Birth Certificate, Canadian Citizenship Certificate, or Canadian Passport must be presented upon registration.

Schools offering Late French Immersion Program

NORTH
Bod Edwards School 4424 Marlborough Dr. NE Tel: 403-777-7440 For Interested families residing East of Deerfoot Tr., North of 50 Ave. S.E.
Branton School 2103 – 20 th St. NW Tel: 403-777-7440 For interested families residing West of 14 th St. NW, North of the Bow River Plus Bowness, Tuscaney, Royal Oak, Valleyridge Excludes (Hidden Valley, MacEwan)
Georges P. Vanier School 509 – 32 nd Ave. NE Tel: 403-888-7460 For interested families residing East of 14 th St., NW (excludes Hidden Valley)
Valley Creek School 10951 Hidden Valley Dr. NW Tel: 403-777-7995 For interested families residing in Hidden Valley, Kincora, MacEwan Glen and Sandstone Valley

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