

Riverside Secondary

French Immersion Information Session
January 24th, 2024

French Immersion at Riverside

- ▶ By the end of the French Immersion Programs, students should be **bilingual (or multilingual)** and adequately equipped to work/live in French
- ▶ Our goals in the department are to further develop:
 - ▶ Fluency in written and oral capacities
 - ▶ Confidence in an additional language
 - ▶ Cultural awareness of the Francophone world
 - ▶ Passion for the French language and Francophone cultures
 - ▶ Identity as a French language learner



Why French Immersion?

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Benefits:

- ▶ More attractive to potential employers
- ▶ Career options
 - ▶ Working for the government
- ▶ Higher salary
- ▶ Travelling opportunities

... but also:

- ▶ Cultural tolerance
- ▶ New perspectives
- ▶ Resilience
- ▶ Strong sense of community



French Immersion Classes

- ▶ In order to complete the Dual Dogwood Diploma, students will need to complete the following courses:
 - ▶ Français Langue 10
 - ▶ Français Langue 11 (one of two options)
 - ▶ Français Langue 12
 - ▶ Plus 12 credits in French for Grade 10-12 courses

... as well as 4 provincial numeracy/literacy assessments

- ▶ French Immersion students are also expected to take a minimum number of French classes per year.
 - ▶ Grade 9 - 4
 - ▶ Grade 10 - 4
 - ▶ Grade 11 - 2
 - ▶ Grade 12 - 2

Students in FRIM still have access to other enrichment programs offered at the school such as Honours, Hockey Academy, Science Co-Op, Outdoor Ed, and the EPIC Program, athletics!

French Immersion Classes

Grade 9 (50%)	Grade 10 (50%)	Grade 11 (25%)	Grade 12 (25%)
Français Langue 9	Français Langue 10	Français Langue 11*	Français Langue 12
Sciences Humaines 9	Sciences Humaines 10	<i>French Elective</i>	<i>French Elective</i>
Éducation Physique 9	Éducation à la Vie Professionnelle 10		
Conversation 10	<i>French Elective</i>		

*Français Langue 11 credits are completed through:

- Médias et Communication Numérique
- Littérature et Cinéma

French Immersion Classes - Electives

- ▶ In order to complete the Dual Dogwood Diploma graduation requirements, French Immersion students are required to choose (at least) 3 of the following electives:
 - ▶ **Home Economics**
 - ▶ Études des Aliments 10*
 - ▶ Études des Aliments 11
 - ▶ **Social Studies**
 - ▶ Histoire 12
 - ▶ Cultures Comparées 12
 - ▶ **French (Oral)**
 - ▶ Communication Orale 11
 - ▶ Communication Orale 12
 - ▶ **Art**
 - ▶ Arts Médiatiques 10*
 - ▶ **Peer Tutoring**
 - ▶ Peer Tutoring 11 (Immersion)

*Available to Grade 9 students

Course Selection

- ▶ Course planning sheet will be given to students in their core classes
- ▶ Select one course from each subject area
- ▶ One elective course
 - ▶ Does not have to be in FRIM
 - ▶ First elective choice is not guaranteed
- ▶ Honours classes require a successful assessment (January 26)
- ▶ Course selection to be completed on MyEdBC before February 12



FRENCH IMMERSION

FRIMM Pathways

French Immersion students will select required courses and also have the opportunity to enrich their studies with a number of optional courses.
 Students must take at least one of the (*) optional courses in the grade 10, 11 or 12 year but may take more than one Immersion option if desired. Students may take a course only once for credit.

AVAILABLE FRENCH IMMERSION COURSES

Click on the "+" sign to see the course description

GRADE 9	GRADE 11	GRADE 12
*Required	*Required – one of the following:	*Required
FRANÇAIS LANGUE 9 +	FRANÇAIS 11 - Médias et communication numérique +	FRANÇAIS LANGUE 12 +
SCIENCES HUMAINES 9 +	FRANÇAIS 11 - Étude du cinéma et de la littérature francophone +	*Required if not taken in Grade 11 then one of:
CONVERSATION 10 +	*Required – one of the following taken in Grade 11 or Grade 12	(HISTOIRE 12) L'HISTOIRE DU MONDE AU 20ÈME SIECLE +
ÉDUCATION PHYSIQUE 9 +	*Must take a French elective if taking Histoire 12 or Cultures Comparées 12 in grade 12.	CULTURES COMPARÉES 12 +
*Optional		*Required if you took Histoire 12 or Cultures Comparées 12 in grade 11
ARTS MÉDIATIQUES 10 +	(HISTOIRE 12) L'HISTOIRE DU MONDE AU 20ÈME SIECLE +	(HISTOIRE 12) L'HISTOIRE DU MONDE AU 20ÈME SIECLE +
ETUDES DES ALIMENTS 10 +	CULTURES COMPARÉES 12 +	CULTURES COMPARÉES 12 +
GRADE 10		

*You must choose one of the following if you...

Riverside Course Info Site (accessible on main page)

Opportunities at Riverside

▶ DELF Exam

- ▶ Internationally recognized exam measuring communication skills in French
- ▶ Graduating students have the option to write the B1 or B2 level exam at the end of Français Langue 12
- ▶ Subsidized by the district!

▶ Projet Pont

- ▶ A collaboration with Vancouver's only Francophone theatre *Théâtre la Seizième*; students will be able to attend shows and discuss with writers/actors/artistic directors

▶ Soirée PIF

- ▶ A celebration of our French Immersion Program that includes games, karaoke, a trivia competition, and more

Opportunities Beyond Riverside

▶ Explore!

- ▶ Funded by the federal government
- ▶ Sends students to Quebec for 6 weeks in the summer to study French and discover the culture

▶ YMCA Summer Work Exchange

- ▶ Students do an exchange to Quebec where they will work and live in French for 6 weeks in the summer

▶ SFU French Cohort Program

- ▶ Bilingual program that focuses on French and Political Science (BA)
- ▶ Includes the opportunity for a semester abroad at a Francophone university
- ▶ Bursaries available to French learners



Opportunities to Travel

- ▶ France (Grade 10)
 - ▶ Tied in with Communication Orale 11
 - ▶ History
 - ▶ Roman Empire
 - ▶ World War II
 - ▶ Culture
 - ▶ 9 cities in 6 departments
 - ▶ 16 days **entirely** in French



Opportunities to Travel

- ▶ Quebec (Grade 12)
 - ▶ Tied in with Communication Orale 12
 - ▶ Humanitarian trip
 - ▶ Presentation of mini-operas
 - ▶ Working in soup kitchens, at senior centres, and with children with developmental disabilities at Cité-Joie



Upcoming Dates

- ▶ January 23: Honours application database closes
- ▶ January 26: Honours assessments (12:30PM at Riverside)
- ▶ January 29: Student course selection process on MyEd opens
- ▶ February 5-6: Riverside counsellors visit middle schools
- ▶ **February 9: Cross-boundary applications open**
 - ▶ Applications close on February 14
- ▶ February 12: Student course selections are to be completed on MyEdBC

Questions?

If you have additional questions, please feel free to email:

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