

French Second Language Programs



The Halifax Regional Centre for Education (HRCE) offers multiple French Second Language Programs: Early French Immersion, Late French Immersion, Intensive French, Integrated French, and Core French.

The HRCE Student Registration Policy and the student's home address determine eligibility and placement in the optional French Programs*. If you have any questions regarding your child's eligibility, please contact your school's principal.

** this includes all programs except Core French*

French Program Descriptions

French Immersion Programs are offered at HRCE schools (listed below) as optional programs where students learn in a second language environment. French immersion allows students to become functionally fluent in French while achieving all the required learning outcomes of the curriculum offered in Nova Scotia public schools. Developing competency in French means being able to use the language to acquire, extend, and refine knowledge; and to use language and knowledge in meaningful ways. Subjects taught in French parallel those offered in the English program.

The **Early French Immersion** program begins in Primary and continues to Grade 12.

Students' time learning in French:

- Elementary: 80% *
- Junior High: approximately 70%
- Senior High: minimum of 50% (9 of 18 credits)

In order to obtain the French Immersion Certificate, students in Grade 12 Early French Immersion must:

- successfully complete French Language Arts in grades 10, 11 and 12
- successfully complete a total of nine courses instructed in French (excluding Core French), representing 50% of the number of credits required for graduation

The **Late French Immersion** program begins in grade 7 and continues to grade 12.

Students' time learning in French:

- Junior High: approximately 70%
- Senior High: minimum of 50% (9 of 18 credits)

In order to obtain the French Immersion Certificate, students in Grade 12 Early French Immersion must:

- successfully complete French Language Arts in grades 10, 11 and 12
- successfully complete a total of nine courses instructed in French (excluding Core French), representing 50% of the number of credits required for graduation

HRCE Schools with Early Immersion Programs

Elementary Schools

- Ash Lee Jefferson
- Astral Drive Elementary
- Beechville-Lakeside-Timberlea Jr.
- Beechville-Lakeside-Timberlea Sr.
- Bell Park Academic Centre
- Burton Ettinger
- Cavalier Drive
- Chebucto Heights
- Eastern Passage (gr. 6)
- Grosvenor-Wentworth
- Hammonds Plains
- Horizon
- John W. MacLeod-Fleming Tower
- Kingswood
- LeMarchant-St. Thomas
- Leslie Thomas (gr. 6)
- Madeline Symonds (gr. 6)
- Ridgecliff (gr. 6)
- Rockingham
- Seaside
- Shannon Park
- St. Catherine's
- St. Joseph's-A. McKay
- Sunnyside
- Tantallon Jr.
- Tantallon Sr.

Junior High/Middle Schools

- Astral Drive Junior High
- Dartmouth South Academy
- Eastern Passage
- Elizabeth Sutherland
- Fairview
- Five Bridges
- Georges P. Vanier
- Graham Creighton
- Gorsebrook
- Leslie Thomas
- Madeline Symonds
- Oxford School
- Ridgecliff
- Rocky Lake

Senior High Schools

- Auburn
- Bay View
- Charles P. Allen
- Citadel
- Cole Harbour District
- Dartmouth
- Halifax West
- J. L. Ilsley
- Lockview
- Sackville
- Island View

HRCE Schools with Late Immersion Programs

Junior High/Middle Schools

- A. J. Smeltzer
- Astral Drive Junior High
- Brookside
- Caledonia
- Eastern Passage
- Ellenvale
- Five Bridges
- Gaetz Brook
- Georges P. Vanier
- Graham Creighton
- Harold T. Barrett
- Herring Cove
- Leslie Thomas
- Madeline Symonds
- Oyster Pond Academy
- Ridgecliff
- Rocky Lake
- Ross Road
- Sackville Heights
- Sir Robert Borden

Senior High Schools

- Auburn
- Bay View
- Charles P. Allen
- Cole Harbour District
- Dartmouth
- Eastern Shore District
- Halifax West
- Lockview
- Millwood
- Sackville
- Island View

Intensive French and Integrated French

The **Intensive French** program offers French second language learning to grade 6 students. For five months of the school year, approximately 70% of their classroom instruction is in French.

The Intensive French program is offered in the following schools:

- Marine Drive Academy
- William King Elementary
- Brookhouse Elementary

The **Integrated French** program begins in grade 7 and continues to grade 12. Grades 7 to 9 students take French Language Arts and Social Studies in French. In grades 10-12, students take French Language Arts and other courses in French.

The Integrated French program is offered in the following schools:

- Marine Drive Academy
- Musquodoboit Rural High

Core French

The **Core French** program is mandatory for all students in English Programs from grades 4-9 and is optional from grades 10-12. This program uses the Neurolinguistic Approach for second language learning.

