

AP 2110: French Immersion

Background:

French Immersion provides an opportunity for children whose first language is not French to learn a second language. School District No. 8 (Kootenay Lake) (SD8) offers late French Immersion, aligning with the policies set forth by the [Ministry of Education and Child Care](#).

The major goal of French Immersion is to provide the opportunity for non-francophone students to become bilingual in English and French. The program is designed to equip students with the capability to communicate effectively in French, both verbally and in written form, thereby opening doors to a range of educational, career, and social opportunities. It aims to foster an appreciation and understanding of the values, customs, and languages of Francophone and Métis communities.

SD8 offers French Immersion at the following schools:

- **Canyon-Lister Elementary School (Late FI with Grade 5 entry)**
- Grades 5-7
- **Trafalgar Middle School (Late FI with Grade 6 entry) in Nelson**
- Grade 6-7 Late French Immersion Program
- Grades 8-9 French Immersion
- **L.V. Rogers Secondary School**
- Grades 10-12 French Immersion

Procedures:

1. To achieve and maintain a high level of competency in French, Late French Immersion programs will, where practicable, have the following French component:
 - 1.1. Grade 5 to 7:
 - 80% instruction in French
 - 1.2. Grade 8 to 10:
 - A minimum of 50% instruction in French
 - 1.3. Grade 11:
 - A minimum of 25% instruction in French
 - 1.4. Grade 12:
 - A minimum of 25% instruction in French
2. Student Eligibility

- 2.1. Creston: Students who have completed grade 4 and are residents in SD8 are eligible to apply for grade 5 Late French Immersion at Canyon-Lister Elementary School.
- 2.2. Nelson: Students who have completed grade 5 and are residents in SD8 are eligible to apply for grade 6-7 Late French Immersion Program at Trafalgar Middle School. Students require completion of French Immersion at the grade 7 level or comparable language skills to enter grade 8-9 French Immersion.
- 2.3. Nelson Secondary: Students require completion of French Immersion at the grade 9 level or comparable language skills to enter L.V. Rogers Secondary School Grades 10-12 French Immersion.
3. Program registration follows a time sensitive application process via an online registration form.
 - 3.1. Registration information will be advertised to all grade 4-6 families in Creston and all grade 5 families in Nelson and area.
 - 3.2. The registration period will be from the first Tuesday school is in session in January, until the last day school is in session in February.
 - 3.3. Applications received after the closing date will be subject to Policy 410: School Choice and Catchment.
4. Transportation for students in French Immersion programs is in accordance with the [SD8 bus registration requirements](#).