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Leading and Learning Together

*Pour apprendre et avancer
ensemble*



What is the late French Immersion Program?

Late French Immersion is a unique, exciting opportunity for students in Grade 7. This Alternative Program enables students interested in learning French a chance to develop competencies in French, while simultaneously learning provincial curriculum objectives of that grade. Once embarking on the adventure in Late French Immersion, you will find multiple opportunities that result from learning French as another language.

Whereas French as a Second Language provides an opportunity to learn French 2-3 hours a week, Late French Immersion provides students with the opportunity to read, listen, write and communicate in their academic subjects: Humanities, Mathematics and Science. Late French Immersion offers students a formal classroom environment for learning French. We approach our teaching with many creative, innovative lessons to teach French. To complement our classroom work, students will have opportunities like hands-on learning, presentations, clubs, camps, exchanges, debates and field trips. Check out our school website for details: <https://school.cbe.ab.ca/school/Elboya/Pages/default.aspx>.

Why Choose Late French Immersion?

Advantages of Becoming Bilingual

- Helps achieve more goals in high school opening more options for University or College.
- It will give you a competitive edge in the job market
- It will assist you when you travel to different countries

Characteristics of Our Students

- Creative and Critical Thinkers
- Risk Takers
- High Achievers
- Strong Family Involvement and Support

Late French Immersion

- Offers the opportunity for more options in high school, university or college
- Gives a competitive edge in the job market
- Offers excellent learning and listening skills
- Increases cognitive abilities

Facts about Late French Immersion

Learning French as a second language:

- Develops learning and listening skills
- Increase in cognitive abilities
- Creates a more flexible thinker
- Improves skills in one's first language
- Makes learning yet another language easier

Many students begin knowing little to no French. Instructional strategies and materials are designed with this in mind. While Late French Immersion students are expected to cover the same academic material as regular English program students, in the first year or two, some of the more complex content in some subject areas may be adapted. These are revisited in later months and years when students' language skills have increased.

Most students are comfortable with their new language and use it with relative ease by the end of grade 7.

Since it is usually the students' decision to enroll in the Late French Immersion Program, this Alternative Program tends to attract highly motivated students





FAQs about Late French Immersion

Is previous knowledge of French required?

No, none at all!

What is required?

Strong listening skills, willingness to take risks and make mistakes, good organizational skills, consistent school attendance and daily homework completion.

How will I be able to understand the teacher if I don't speak French?

Your teachers will use repetition, visual cues, technology, modified resources, dramatization and words lexically similar to English and many other strategies. Extra help is often available during lunchtime and at mutually agreed on times.

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.

Our School

Elboya School is a K-9 multi-track school with K-9 English, Grade 6 Intensive French, Grades 5-9 Continuing French Immersion and Gr. 7 Late French Immersion Programs.

Elboya School Profile

- Elementary & Junior High students work and learn together;
- Options include: Band, Environmental Outdoor Education, Woodworking, Drama, Art, Maker Space, Leadership, Yearbook and Robotics
- Activities include Intramurals, clubs, Volleyball, Soccer, Basketball, Badminton, Track and Field teams, Spirit days, GSA, assemblies, student selected fundraising, and more
- Excellent Learning Commons and technology with French and English resources
- State of the art Band / Music room;
- Elboya House System: Buzzards, Snowy Owls, Night Hawks, Ospreys;
- Junior high cafeteria, elementary lunch program;
- Resource support for students in French and English.

Register with us today!

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