

School District No.83

French Immersion programming

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Goal of French Immersion:

- ▶ The major goal of French Immersion is to provide the opportunity for non-francophone students to become bilingual in English and French. Bilingualism is achieved by providing instruction of the basic curriculum entirely in French during the first years. Once a firm base in French has been established, instruction in English language arts is added, and instruction in the English language gradually increases. Students continue to receive instruction in certain subjects in French so that proficiency is achieved in both languages by the end of Grade 12.
- ▶ <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/administration/program-management/french-programs/policies-funding-and-statistics/statistics-on-french-education-in-bc>

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Programs offered in SD83

- ▶ Early French Immersion (Program available Kindergarten through Grade 12)
 - Offered at École Bastion Elementary – Kindergarten through Grade 5
 - Offered at Shuswap Middle School – Grades 6 through 8
 - Offered at Senior level - Jackson Campus Grades 9 & 10
 - Senior level – Sullivan Campus Grades 11 & 12
- ▶ Late French Immersion
 - Offered at Shuswap Middle school – Grades 6 & 7
 - Late French immersion students then join the early French immersion students for their Grade 8-12 years
- ▶ Core French provided through English track program

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Percentages of French instruction

- ▶ In SD83, Early French immersion students receive 100% French instruction from Kindergarten through Grade 3
- ▶ In SD83, Early French immersion students receive 80% of their instruction in French from Grades 4 through 8.
- ▶ In the senior grades Early French Immersion students receive 50% of their instruction in French for Grades 9/10, followed by 25% in Grades 11/12.
- ▶ Recommended time allocations as per the ministry:

Grade	% of French Instruction	% of English Instruction
K-(2 or 3)	100	0
(3 or) 4-7	80	20
8-10	50 - 75	25 - 50
11-12	no less than 25	no more than 75

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Bastion Elementary

- ▶ Bastion Elementary currently has 241 students enrolled in French immersion, from Kindergarten to Grade 5.
- ▶ As a result of high demand for Kindergarten registration, a Division has been added in Kindergarten, for a total of 3 full time French Immersion Kindergarten classes
- ▶ Kindergarten -> 3 groups with 18 students in each.
- ▶ Grade 1 -> 22 students
- ▶ Grade 1/2 -> 22 students
- ▶ Grade 2 -> 22 students
- ▶ Grade 2/3 -> 22 students
- ▶ Grade 3 -> 22 students
- ▶ Grade 3/4 -> 23 students
- ▶ Grade 4/5 -> 28 students
- ▶ Grade 4/5 -> 27 students



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One to one reading program, provided by French CEAs. The program is federally funded.

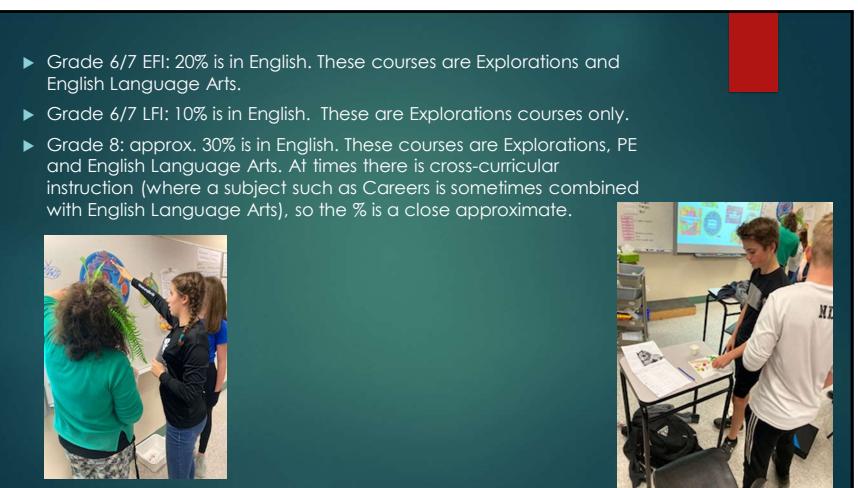
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Shuswap Middle School

- ▶ There are 3 grade 6/7 EFI classes:
- ▶ Grade 6 EFI: 40 students
- ▶ Grade 7 EFI: 34 students
- ▶ Both grade 6 LFI classes: 44 students
- ▶ Both grade 7 LFI classes: 46 students
- ▶ There are 3 grade 8 FI classes: 72 students



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Senior Level – Jackson campus

- ▶ 149 students total: Grade 9 - 73 students & Grade 10 - 76 students
- ▶ Students at both the Grade 9 and Grade 10 level are required to take at least 3 courses taught in French. Two of these courses must be Sciences Humaine and Francais Langue.
- ▶ During course selection we offered the following options to both Grade 9 and 10 students as their 3rd course taught in French:
 - ▶ Education Physique
 - ▶ Sciences Naturelles
 - ▶ Art Dramatique
 - ▶ Etudes sur L'Alimentation



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Jackson had enough interest to run Education Physique 9/10 and Sciences Naturelles 10

The majority of students are taking 3 French Immersion courses and a few grade 10 students may be taking 4. (both Sciences Naturelles 10 and Education Physique 10).

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Senior Level – Sullivan Campus

Sullivan campus holds a total of 126 French immersion students.

Explorations Sciences Humaines - (3 sections) with a total of 64 students

- ▶ Français Langue 12 (2 sections) with 61 students
- ▶ études Cinéma et Literature Francophones 11 (3 sections) with 63 students



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French Immersion facts..

- ▶ When students graduate from the French Immersion or Francophone program, they can get two graduation certificates: the **Dogwood Certificate** and **le Diplôme de fin d'études secondaires en Colombie-Britannique**
- ▶ The French Immersion student population represents about **9.5%** of the overall student population in B.C. (2019)
- ▶ Over the last 10 years, the French Immersion student population has increased by **23%** and the Francophone student population has increased by **39%**.
- ▶ Source:
<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/administration/program-management/french-programs/policies-funding-and-statistics/statistics-on-french-education-in-bc>

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Link to our District French Immersion
information brochure:

<https://sd83.bc.ca/french-immersion/>

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Merci beaucoup!

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