

MEMORANDUM

TO: Parents/Caregivers of Grade 6 Students

FROM: Niki O'Brien-MacDonald, Senior Management Official-Programs Implementation,
K-12 Education Branch

SUBJECT: **2024-25 Late French Immersion Registration**

DATE: January 22nd, 2024

Registration for the **Late French Immersion (LFI)** program in the Avalon area will be conducted during the week of **February 12th, 2024** for elementary schools where applicable.

Late French Immersion is intended for students who are interested in developing fluency in the French language. Any student who has completed Grade 6 can register for the Late French Immersion Program. This is an intensive immersion program beginning in Grade 7 where approximately 75% of the curriculum is taught using French as the language of instruction. This decreases to a minimum of 30% as students enter senior high school. Late French Immersion is a six-year program from Grade 7 to Grade 12. Please note that a student accepted into the LFI program is expected to make a minimum one year commitment to the program in the Grade 7 year.

What are the benefits of second language learning?

- Provides a focus on literacy development
- Develops cultural appreciation and diversity
- Enriches personal development opportunities
- Enhances communication and problem-solving skills
- Develops national and global citizenship
- Facilitates learning of additional languages
- Increases employment opportunities

For further information about the LFI Program, you are encouraged to attend a virtual information session for parents/guardians. At the information session, you will be given an opportunity to ask any questions you may have regarding the Late French Immersion Program. If you are interested in learning more about the LFI program, or if you have any questions please contact David Butt, Program Specialist for French, by email to davebutt@nlschools.ca or telephone at (709) 697-1533.

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Virtual Information Sessions

INFORMATION SESSION 1 ▶ January 30th, 2024 at 7 PM

Google Meet Link : [LFI Information Session 1](#)

INFORMATION SESSION 2 ▶ February 1st, 2024 at 7 PM

Google Meet Link : [LFI Information Session 2](#)

The link below provides access to a Google Slides Presentation in the event that you are unable to attend one of the virtual information sessions:

[Late French Immersion - An Overview for Families](#)

NEW THIS YEAR: Late French Immersion registration will be done online through the NLSchools website, www.nlschools.ca. The registration form will be available from a dedicated Late French Immersion registration page as of 9:00 AM on Monday, February 12th, 2024.

The Late French Immersion registration form will be available to complete at 9:00 AM on Monday, February 12th, 2024 and will close on Friday, February 16th, 2024 at midnight. We kindly ask that you register your child or children once only. As in past years, acceptance into the program will be on a first come, first served basis.

In the spring of 2024, you will be notified in writing via email confirming your child's registration - your child's Late French Immersion school will also be identified at that time following the regular feeder system where possible. Likewise, in the event that the maximum number of students has been reached, you will be notified via email indicating that your child will be placed on a waitlist. Should a space become available, you will be notified by the administration of your child's school. Please ensure that your email address is current when you complete your child's registration to assist us in providing timely communication.