

School District No.22 Academies and Specialized Programs enhance the curriculum. Students are motivated to strengthen their skills and improve their abilities in programs that are offered both by the district and in partnership with community organizations. Participating students will receive specialized instruction and learning opportunities that increase student engagement and success.



ACADEMIES/SPECIALIZED PROGRAMS



Who may participate? Grade 6 students.

What is the cost? No cost.

How to apply? Registration at École Harwood Elementary.

More details? If you have any questions, please contact:

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Late French Immersion

What is Late French Immersion?

Late French Immersion is a program that has been in School District 22 since 2003. It is available to any student who will be entering grade six in September 2019. Students are taught all subjects in French. Students do not need to have any previous French skills. Through the immersion process, students will be able to converse in French reasonably well by the end of grade six. They continue with the program in grade seven and then join the Early French Immersion students in grades 8 through 12 at W. L. Seaton Secondary.



GRADE 6

For the first few months, you'll learn a LOT of French! Listening, talking, reading and writing will help you learn the language. Your bilingual teacher will teach all the subjects in French. The teacher will use a lot of expression and actions to help you understand.

At first you'll speak to your new classmates in English, but before too long, you'll feel comfortable using French to learn and have fun at school.

GRADE 7

All the other subjects will be taught in French, except English language arts. You'll study the regular Grade 7 curriculum and continue to improve your French.

Top 5 Reasons!

1. Experience the challenge of learning in a new language.
2. Develop a "bilingual brain": Learn to understand and communicate well in both French and English.
3. Meet new friends from all over Vernon.
4. Learn about French cultures.
5. Earn a Bilingual Dogwood Certificate when you graduate from Grade 12.

Characteristics to be successful.

- Motivation to learn.
- Willing to take risks and open to learning in another language.
- Perseverance—learning a new a second language is a challenge!
- Must enjoy language activities and be willing to spend time working with others and chatting in class *en fran-çais!*

What commitment do parents need to make?

- Parents do not need to speak French and most have little or no French skills.
- Encouragement, especially during the initial fall term adjustment period when students acquire basic language skills.
- Willingness to help with homework, letting the student do the translations.
- Recognition of their child's wonderful efforts and accomplishments.