



W.L. SEATON SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Bonjour parents and guardians of French Immersion students,

As we prepare for the upcoming school year, Seaton continues to grow our bilingual opportunities to ensure we strive for excellence in our French Immersion program. In doing so, we are among the top French Immersion programs in the province! We have embraced the Ministry of Education's new French Immersion curriculum options, new assessment models, core competencies and 'big ideas' as they pertain to learning the French language. Next year we are excited to be offering many new course options for students in grades 8 -12. New courses will ensure Seaton students develop higher level thinking and verbal skills in their second language as they journey towards a bilingual graduation certificate at the end of grade 12.

The aim of French Immersion at the secondary level is to further the students' French language competencies in keeping with their intellectual, social, and emotional development. While an exposure to French is important in both semesters, whenever possible, it is equally important that the exposure be relevant, varied, and authentic. As such, our French Immersion program continues to include a focus on French culture. Next year we will offer the following optional travel opportunities to our students: a Paris trip, a Quebec trip, and the ability to host and participate in French exchange programs.

Within the classroom, the BC Ministry of Education recommends the following percentages of instructional time to support the goals of French Immersion at the secondary level: **Grades 8-10, 50-75% of instruction in French and Grades 11-12, no less than 25% of instruction in French.** To be in compliance with Ministry of Education guidelines and Federal French funding suggestions, students in grades 8-10 will take a minimum of 4 out of 8 courses in French, and students in grades 11-12 will take a minimum of 2 out of 8 courses in French. As students progress through high school, we will continue to provide instruction in certain subjects in French so that proficiency is achieved in both French and English by the end of grade 12. Supports are available for students who require additional academic assistance, resources, and adaptations.

Below is a list of courses being offered at WL Seaton in 2019-20:

(Note - Student course selection and overall enrollment will determine which French elective courses will run next year. Class size and composition language will also determine whether a student is successfully registered in a course):

- **Grade 8** (*all 4 courses are required):
Français Langue 8, Mathématiques 8, Sciences Humaines 8, Sciences Naturelles 8
- **Grade 9** (*all 4 courses are required):
Français Langue 9, Mathématiques 9, Sciences Humaines 9, Sciences Naturelles 9
- **Grade 10** (*4 courses are required including mandatory FRAL 10):
Français Langue 10, Sciences Humaines 10, Sciences Naturelles 10, Carrière et vie 10, Mathématiques 10
- **Grade 11** (*2 courses are required including a mandatory French Language course):
French Language courses (1 required): **Language and Culture of the French-Speaking World 11, FI Digital and Media Communication 11**
French elective courses: **Explorations en Sciences Humaines et Sociales 11, Chimie 11, FI Peer Tutoring 11**
- **Grade 12** (*2 courses are required including mandatory FRAL 12):
Français Langue 12, Language and Culture of the French Speaking World 12, FI and Media Communications 12, FI Peer Tutoring 12.

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Sincerely,

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Principal

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