

William Aberhart High School

French Immersion Program Overview 2025-26

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820 French Immersion Students

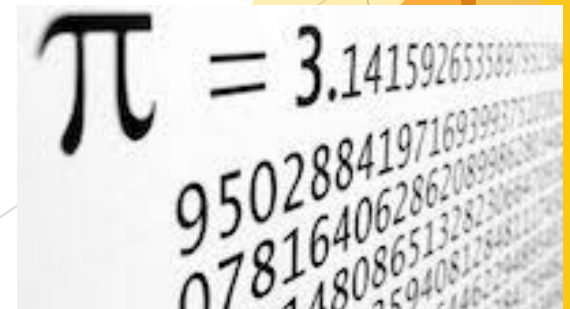
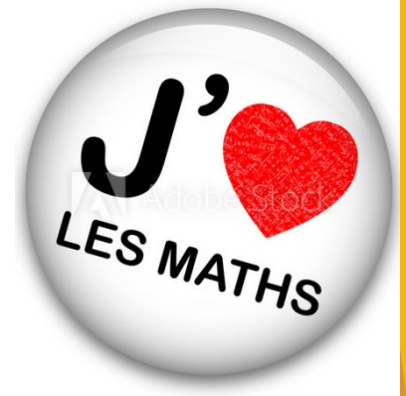
French Language Arts

- **Mme Stéphanie Lavallée** - Team Lead
- **M. Cody Anderson**
- **M. Paul Frey** (ABE French Immersion Alumni)
- **Mme Fleur Larocque**
- **M. Steve Bhantoaa**



Les mathématiques

- **Mme Fatima Hudda**
- **Mme Zoé Dagenais**
- **Mme Josée Lemay**
- **Mme Liane Reid**
- **Mme Erika Scholz** (ABE French Immersion Alumni)



Les études sociales

- **Mme Caroline Tremblay**
- **M. Éric Vaillant**
- **Mme Shirel Balaciano**
- **M. Mike Beland**
- **M. Daniel Brown**
- **M. Steve Bhantooa**

NOUVELLES DU MONDE

Une mère demande à son fils:
- Pourquoi as-tu mis le
journal au frigo?
- C'est pour avoir des nouvelles
fraîches!

Teachers with whom you can also speak French

- Mr. Adrian – Spanish
- Mr. Crawley – Guidance/Construction
- Mr. Gingrich – Music
- Ms. Lindsay – English Language Arts
- Mr. Paredes – Chemistry/Science
- Ms. Peters – Drama/Indigenous Studies
- Mr. Scott – Assistant Principal
- Ms. Vryenhoek – Assistant Principal
- Mr. Wehnes – Computing Science
- Mr. Wiebe – Arts

ABE French Immersion Alumni

- Mr. Decock – Physical Education
- Ms. Flaman – ALP
- Ms. Gillis – Physics/Science
- Ms. Maxwell – Sports Medicine/Physical Education
- Mr. Morante – Chemistry/Science
- Ms. Slade – English Language Arts
- Mr. Taylor – Biology/Science

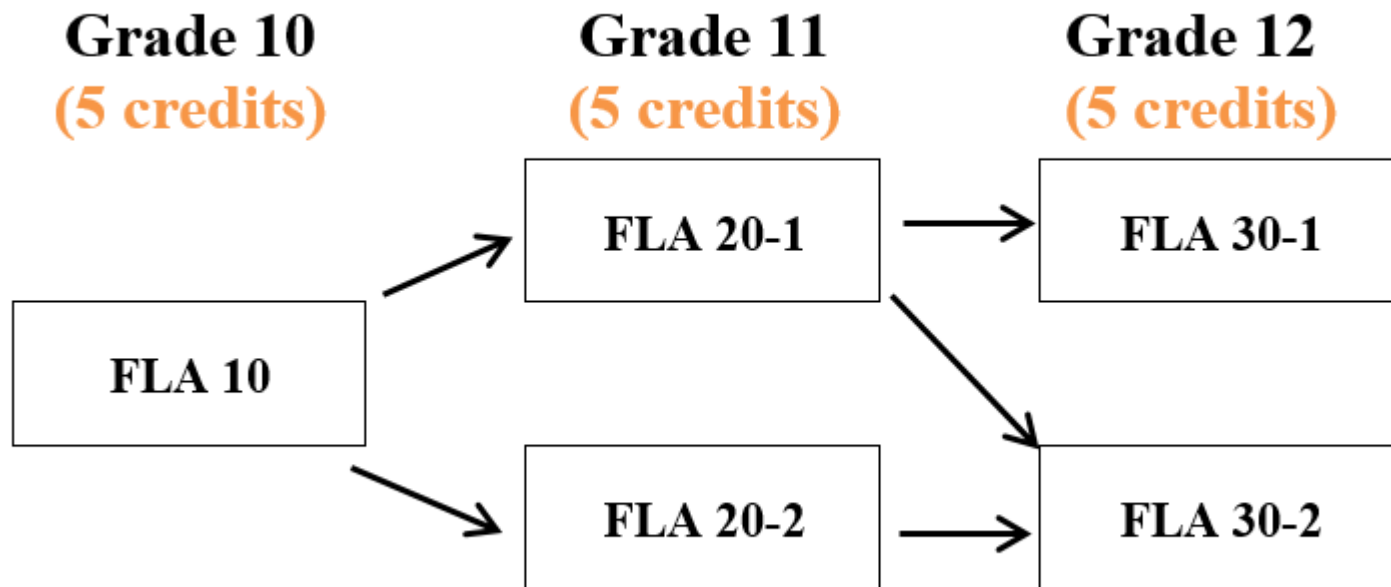
French Immersion Program

- 3 year commitment in the French Immersion Program.
- Students coming into this program must be **motivated to continue learning French** and **are expected to speak French during classes.**
- If you choose to leave our French Immersion program, you will be asked to follow the withdrawal process and may be directed to your designated English program school for the next school year.

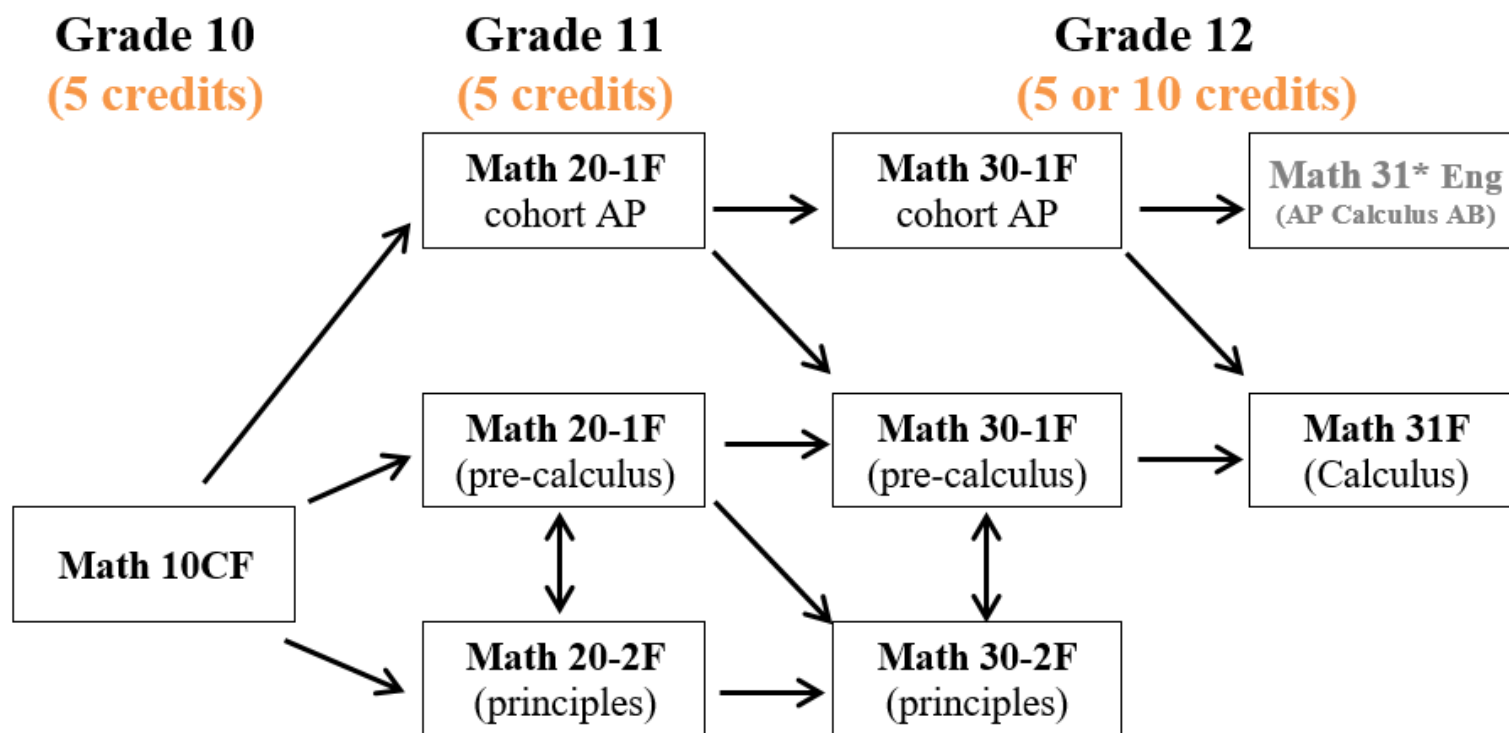
French Immersion Courses

- French Language Arts
- Mathematics
- Social Studies

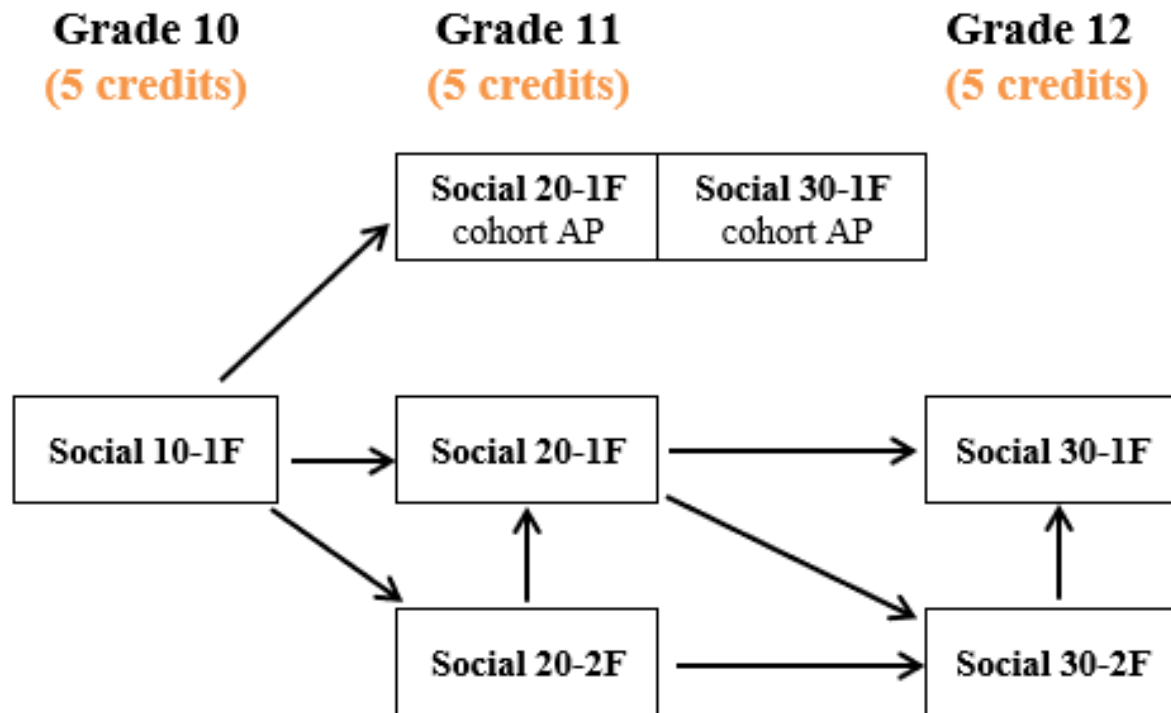
French Language Arts (15 credits)



Mathematics (15 or 20 credits)



Social Studies (15 credits)



CBE - French Immersion Certificate of Achievement



- Students **must take all 3 subjects** (French Language Arts, French Mathematics and French Social Studies) throughout their 3 years of high school **(45 or 50 credits)**
- A **Certificate with Distinction** is awarded to students who achieve an average of **80%** or more in all their French Immersion Courses.
- If a student does not complete all 45 credits in French Immersion, an official school “**Letter of Achievement in French Immersion**” may be given to the student indicating the number of credits obtained.

What can students do to improve their French?

- Watch movies or shows
- Listen to podcasts and music
- Read regularly
- Look up new words (have a French/English dictionary on hand and a Bescherelle for verbs)
- Participate in activities in French in Calgary
- **L'Alliance Française de Calgary:** <https://www.afcalgary.ca/>
- **La Cité des Rocheuses:** <https://citedesrocheuses.com/>
- And new this year, we have a club to promote French called:

Franc**range**

FrancOrange

- **Every Monday at lunch** a teacher will host a different activity from board games, to music, to enrichment activities.
- The club aims to have fun in French, practice and enrich students' skills. Use French in a different context outside of class.
- It will promote various cultural activities in French in Calgary.
- A calendar and QR code will be updated monthly for students to see activities for the month



Resources

- **D2L** (class material, practice exercises, links to enrichment)
- ***BonPatron***
- **Tutorials** offered by all teachers (days are posted by their door)
- Abe's **Learning Commons** and **Calgary Public Library** have French resources
- **Student Services**

Enrichment Opportunities



- **Government of Canada: Language immersion programs**
 - [Explore - Second Language Bursary Program](#)
 - [Odyssey - Language Assistant Program](#)
 - [Destination Clic - French Enrichment Bursary Program](#)
- **Student exchanges:**
 - [Alberta Student Exchange Programs](#)
 - [Official Languages programs](#)
 - [Summer Jobs YMCA Student Exchanges](#)

Immersion en action!

Certificates and Recognitions

- Diplôme d'Études en Langue Française
DELF B2 at the CBE
Offered twice a year (November and April)
- “*SUPERSTAR*” certificates in all French Immersion subjects
- Le prix Gerry Denault
- Le prix Canadian Parents for French

Post-Secondary Studies in French

University of Calgary ([FLIP](#))
Campus Saint-Jean (Edmonton and Calgary)
University of Ottawa
University of Alberta, Campus Saint-Jean
Université de Moncton
York University, Glendon Campus
Université de Montréal
Université Sainte-Anne
University of Sudbury
Université de Saint-Boniface



Many Canadian Universities have a French department or centre and offer enticing grants for pursuing studies part-time or full-time in French!

Information about [Post-Secondary Institutions](#).

Information about [Out of Province Post Secondary Fairs](#).

Canadian Parents for French



[National Site](#)

[Provincial Branch](#)

[Calgary Chapter](#)

Mission Statement:

Canadian Parents for French is a nationwide, research-informed, volunteer organization that furthers bilingualism by promoting opportunities to learn and use French for all those who call Canada home.

Stay Connected

ABE WEEKLY UPDATES (email): We will communicate information regarding the DELF, student exchanges etc. via the school messages

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Early French Immersion Program (K-12) at the CBE

The Early French Immersion Program provides students with the opportunity to acquire fluency in speaking, reading, writing, listening and communicating in French by the end of Grade 12. It is a program in which French is the language of instruction, beginning in Kindergarten or Grade 1 and continuing to Grade 3 when English is introduced. Early French Immersion is designed for non-Francophones and is an effective way for students to become functionally fluent in French while achieving all of the learning outcomes of the regular programs of study.

First developed in Canada in 1965, the French Immersion program is based on decades of research into its

Related Information

- [French Immersion Meet Teacher Sept 2024](#)
- [French as a Second Language](#)
- [FSL 30-9Y CBE Course Challenge Information & Important Dates](#)
- [ES_Expressions for written production English to French](#)
- [ES_Index English to French](#)

Bonne année scolaire !

6:30 pm – 6:55 General Assembly (Main Gym)

- ▶ Acknowledgement of the Land
- ▶ National Anthem
- ▶ Welcome and Introductions by our MCs
- ▶ Principal's address
- ▶ Dismissal

6:55 – 7:00 Make your way to Period 1