

Frequently Asked Questions
About the Integrated French / Français Intégré Program

Q What is the Integrated French Program?

- This program was formerly called “Extended French Core” and it has been very successful for many years in many schools across Nova Scotia.
- The program consists of having students take 2 enriched French courses each year from Grade 7 to 12.
- Each year a student will take an enriched French Language Arts and an enriched French Social Studies course.

Q How is the Integrated French Program different from a French Immersion program?

- In a French Immersion program at the Grades 7 to 9 level, a student will take approximately 70% of their courses in French.
- In the Integrated French Program they will take only 2 courses each year or about 20% of the day in French.
- In a French Immersion program at the Grades 10 to 12 level, students have to take 9 French immersion credits or courses over the 3 years.
- In the Integrated French Program, they will only have to take 2 French courses per year or a total of 6 courses over the 3 years.

Q How well are Integrated French students able to communicate in French at the end of Grade 12?

- All Grade 12 French students in the AVRCE are given a French Oral Proficiency Interview at the end of Grade 12 regardless of what French program they have followed.
- Their long term statistics indicate that the Grade 12 Integrated French students score almost as high and in many cases just as high, as their late French Immersion students in terms of their French Oral Proficiency.
- In other words the Integrated French graduates are able to communicate very well in French.

Q How are students selected to enter into the Integrated French Program?

- This program is open to students of all abilities.
- All students finishing Grade 6 who wish to make a commitment to the program may apply.
- Students who have already taken the Grade 6 Intensive French Core Program are certainly welcomed to apply but they do not have any extra rights in obtaining a seat in the program.
- All Grade 6 students have equal access rights.
- In the event that there are more students wishing to enter the program than the class size cap established by the school, then a lottery draw will have to be held.

Q Are parents and students required to make a commitment to the program?

- Yes, apart from the very first month in Grade 7, because of the limited class cap size and the possibility of having a lottery draw, we would like to see the students and parents make at least a 3 year commitment to remain in the program from Grades 7 to 9.
- In the event that a student and his/her parent wishes to leave the program after the initial first month trial period, then a meeting will be held with the school's Program Planning Team, the FSL Coordinator, the student and his/her parent(s).
- At this meeting, a discussion of possible supports that can be offered will be held.
- The final decisions will be based on what will be in the best interest of the student and his or her potential to find success in the program.

Q When will we be able to find out more information and register for the Integrated French program?

- SSRCE Regional Integrated French Information Session
- Tuesday, April 20th · 6:00 – 7:00pm
- Google Meet joining info
- Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/akn-rpyr-rwn>

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