

LATE FRENCH IMMERSION

In Nova Scotia, Anglophone school boards may offer a Late Immersion program that starts in Grade 7 (Grade 6 at SQMS) and ends in Grade 12. The provincial Department of Education has outlined what is expected in such a program. The recommended percentage of instruction in the French language is:

Grade 6 or 7 - Grade 9	70% - 75%
Grade 10 - Grade 12	Minimum of 9 courses taught in French

GOALS

- To enable students to become functionally bilingual: To be able and willing to communicate fluently in French and English, and to be able to take further education as appropriate to their ability and interest with French as the language of instruction.).
- To enable students to achieve equivalent levels of learning in the content of all subjects, whether they are instructed in French or English.
- To provide all students with the opportunity to gain an understanding and appreciation of common attitudes and values of the French speaking community.
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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

- Q.** *Will my child learn the same things as students in English classes?*
- A.** Yes, the curriculum must follow the guidelines set out by the Nova Scotia Department of Education.
- Q.** *What about achievement in Math and other subjects?*
- A.** Research indicates that the performance of French Immersion students in other subjects is equal to the performance of students who are in regular English programs.
- Q.** *How can I help my child with homework when I can't speak French?*
- A.** It is not necessary for parents to be able to speak the language. Communication between the home and the school is the best means of resolving difficulties that may arise in learning French. Immersion teachers are accustomed to working with parents on language related issues.

Schools Currently Offering Late Immersion Programs in the SSRCE

- Hebbville Academy (gr. 7-9)
Stephen Johnson, Principal
902-541-8280
- South Queens Middle School (gr. 6-8)
Terry Stewart, Principal
902-354-7640

A Regional Information Session will take place virtually, April 21st:

Wednesday, April 21st · 6:00 – 7:00pm

Google Meet joining info

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/bbw-hbfx-hip>

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