

WILLIAM **ABERHART** HIGH SCHOOL

FRENCH IMMERSION PROGRAM OVERVIEW

2015-16

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Canada



ORANGE

A = Attitude

B = Bravery

E = Excellence

1540 students

770 in **French Immersion program**

178 in **Spanish Bilingual program**

592 in **English program**

Fact – In 2002, the ABE FI program had
around 400 students register.

↑Enrolment = ↑Options



OUR French Immersion @ ABE

**French Immersion students at Aberhart
has opportunities to build
their own learning experiences that are:**

- ✓ **connected**
- ✓ **flexible**
- ✓ **successful**
- ✓ **personalized**
- ✓ **relevant**



POURQUOI en FRANÇAIS?

French Immersion enable students to develop the **knowledge, skills** and **attitudes** needed to communicate in French in a **variety of contexts** like school, travel, leisure and job related.

Approximately **300 million people** of **5 continents**, in **54 countries, 68 states and governments** around the world speak French !

French as a second language **will improve** your first language.

Research shows a **positive correlation** between **learning French** and **academic development**. 

French Immersion Program @ ABE

- **3 years** commitment
- @ ABE we have **OPTIONS** !
- **RIGHT** reasons = **RIGHT** decision
- Student's **achievement** and **motivation**



3 French Immersion Courses

- **French Language Arts (FLA) : 10-1, 20-1, 30-1 & 20-2, 30-2**
- **Études sociales: 10-1F, 20-1F, 30-1F & 20-2F, 30-2F**
- **Mathématiques: 10CF, 20-1F, 30-1F & 20-2F, 30-2F**
- **Mathématiques *Advanced Placement*: 10CFAP, 20-1FAP, 30-1FAP**
- **Mathématiques: *31F** (*Option = 50 credits for the CBE certificate)

10 = grade 10

AP = Advanced Placement

20 = grade 11

F = French language of instruction

30 = grade 12 -1, -2 = différents tracks or programs

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TRANSITION FROM JR. HIGH

- Year-round → semester system *fast pace*
- Goal → Post secondary requirements
- **Organization & Balance**
- Seek for resources = ↑self-advocacy
- Report cards = % = 2 each semester
- **Options** – Sciences, music, choral, arts, dance, sport medicine & performance, yoga, drama, mechanics, woodworking, computer sciences, multimedia, foods & sewing, Spanish...



BUT MOM...

- I have been in Immersion for the last 7 years, I can already speak French... **Math & ELA also...**
- If I switch out of Immersion, it will be easier and my marks will improve ... **Process is based on motivation perseverance and work ethic.**
- **Learning concepts** is what is important, and that can be done in French just as well as in English.



YES !

Statistics show **graduates of immersion programs do very well** in science courses taught in English.

Better yet, why not **pursue** a degree in French,
continue to develop your **bilingualism**
and really be ready for the **job market**.



OUR RESOURCES

- **Success Center** - French learning strategists
- **Guidance Office & Wellness Center.**
- **Learning Commons, Career Center & Work Experience.**
- We offer a direct link to **on-line French Resources**
- **Assistive Technology** – *R & W Gold, Dragon*
- **Tutorials & Completion Center**
- **D2L & Home Logic**



Advanced Placement (AP)



Info meeting tonight
@ 7:30

Opens DOORS to the world !

CBE - CERTIFICAT DE COMPÉTENCES EN IMMERSION FRANÇAISE

Students need **45 crédits**



15 FLA + 15 Études sociales + 15 Math.



375 hours of instructions per year for 3 years =
1125 à 1250 heures

Distinction = 80% or higher in all 9 FI courses

50 credits = Math 31



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2014-2015 @ ABE

Over **500 students** graduated
with a HS diploma

225 students graduated with
the **CBE FI certificate**

65 students with distinction
(average of 80% or more
in the 9 FI courses)

35 students with 50 credits

15 students with a school letter

Aberhart is proud to celebrate
34 years of French Immersion !!!



@ ABE WE CELEBRATE !!!

Aberhart recognizes all French Immersion students and their certificate/letter during the **Aberhart** grade 12 graduation spring ceremony.

In addition, French Immersion students can receive their Alberta High School Diploma in **French** **and** in **English**.

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ENRICHMENT & OPPORTUNITIES

IMMERSION en ACTION

- DELF B2 (60 students in 2014-15)
 - Advanced Placement courses
 - CBE International Certificate
 - French Debate
 - *Concours d'Art Oratoire*
 - Partnership with Maurick College Vught, NL
- maurick college**



EXCHANGE OPPORTUNITIES



Explore – 16 yrs.

Rencontre du Canada

(14 to 17 yrs).

YMCA jeunesse – 16 to 17 yrs.

Alberta – Québec

summer work exchange

OSEF – **Organisme Séjours
Éducatifs Français**

Immersion

en

action !!!



POST SECONDARY IN FRENCH

ABE connects **YOU...**



uOttawa



ABE's ALUMNI

2015 Graduates

Français et/and English : Une histoire de dualité

Nicola Symonds

Zoe Thomson

Rachel Stokes

Heidi Grosjean

2008 Graduate

Kees de Ridder

2006 Graduate

Joshua Sealy-Harrington



WHY continue in FI ?

- Learning one language is not enough.
- French & English are the only languages spoken on all five continents.
- A career asset.
- An introduction to different cultures.
- A language for studying abroad or travel.
- A language for higher education.



Shaping the future...

- A language of reasoning and debate.
- A creative language.
- A language for learning other languages.
- The language of love and reason ...
- A language for international relations.
- A language that opens up the world.
- A unique linguistic diversity in today's globalized world.

Words from His Highness Aga Khan – Brown University



QUESTIONS



MME DUNN - FRENCH IMMERSION & FLA
Room 221

MME BRUNELLE - MATHÉMATIQUES
Room 304

M. VAILLANT - ÉTUDES SOCIALES
Room 106

MME BELHUMEUR - LEARNING STRATEGIST
Room 317

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