

THE FRENCH IMMERSION PROGRAM @ ABE

French Immersion:

- ✓ **opens** many doors.
- ✓ **stimulates** you to think differently.
- ✓ **improves** job opportunities in the future.
- ✓ **allows** students to compete internationally.
- ✓ **provides** students with more choices for advanced education and career options.

The French Immersion program has been part of Aberhart for 32 years! Students who enroll in the French Immersion Program at William Aberhart High School are expected to make **the commitment** to remain in the program for the **three years** in high school. Our counsellors rely on information from the junior high school counsellors and Immersion teachers regarding potential for success at the senior high level. Your decision to continue in Immersion should be based on your achievement and motivation in the continuing junior high or late Immersion program.

Program expectations

The following policy guidelines apply to all French Immersion students:

Students enrolled in the French Immersion Program must show commitment to their French Immersion studies by **speaking French at all times in all classes where French is the language of instruction**. All courses follow the Alberta Curriculum and therefore are part of the regular program leading to the High School Diploma.

- ✓ Students need **45 credits** (15 French Language Arts, 15 Social studies & 15 in Mathematics) to earn the **(CBE) - Certificate of Achievement in French Immersion**.
- ✓ Math 31F cannot be substituted for **any** 30 level FI courses. However, a student can complete their FI program with **50 credits**.
- ✓ However, in some cases, if a student **cannot complete all 45 credits in FI**, an official school "Letter of recognition in French Immersion" with the number of credits completed, to any student who completed **35 or 40 credits** of the 45 credits. FLA must be taken for all 15 credits.
- ✓ Students enrolled in FI must finish the school year in FI before enquiring for a program transfer. A case by case will be considered for all grade 10 students. Students who are not successful in the French Immersion Program or who decide to withdraw from the program **may be directed to their designated English program school for the next school year**.
- ✓ Our guidance counsellors, learning leaders, learning strategist and language teachers are available to **assist** students and parents in their decisions.

Mandatory French Immersion Program Courses

French Language Arts	10-1, 20-1, 30-1 or 30-2
Social Studies	10-1F, 20-1F, 30-1F or 20-2F*, 30-2F
Mathematics	10CF, 20-1F, 30-1F, 31F or 20-2F, 30-2F
Mathematics Advanced Placement	10CFAP, 20-1FAP, 30-1FAP
	31F (Mathematics 31F is offered <u>but not required</u>)
	* Please to speak to Mme Dunn

Language enrichment

- ✓ Our FLA 20/30 students have the opportunity to take the French Advanced Placement (AP) course and/or the **DELFB2** exam for an International Language Proficiency Credential.
- ✓ Every years, **Projet – Collège Maurick, Vught (Netherlands & France)** is offered to all French Immersion students. Our next journey will take place during the 2015-16 school year.
- ✓ Our **Passeport Francophile** gives our students a doorway for authentic cultural experiences.
- ✓ Our **French learning strategist** offers support to all French Immersion students.
- ✓ FI students have access to a direct link to the best online grammar checker for text in French, English and Spanish - [Bon Patron](#)
- ✓ Representatives of French Faculties from diverse Universities across Canada speak to our students about their options for **post-secondary French education**.
- ✓ We encourage students to access to **French cultural bursaries** offered by several non-profit organizations (EXPLORE, YMCA Summer Work Exchange etc.).
- ✓ Our **partnerships** with institutions such as the U of C - *Centre Français*, the CPF and our local French restaurants, have allowed us to explore several aspects of our French local community.
- ✓ Our students also have an opportunity to acquire Spanish as another language by taking the **Spanish Language and Culture program** (SLL).
- ✓ The **CBE International Certificate** is a way of recognizing and valuing the significant contributions, work, and experiences that students have accomplished throughout their CBE journey. Students in FI have an advantage in completing the CBE International Certificate as 2 of the 3 modules are completed within the French Immersion program.
- ✓ William Aberhart High School recognizes each French Immersion student, who has completed the requirements of the (CBE) - Certificate of Achievement in **French Immersion or the school official letter**, with a special touch at our main grade 12-graduation ceremony in May.

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