

WILLIAM **ABERHART** HIGH SCHOOL FRENCH IMMERSION PROGRAM OVERVIEW

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Calgary, Alberta
Canada



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ORANGE

A = **A**ttitude

B = **B**ravery

E = **E**xcellence

School Motto

Semper Paratus - "Always Prepared"

learning | **as unique** | as every student



OUR VISION @ ABE

Students @ ABE have the opportunity to build learning experiences that are:

- ✓ connected
- ✓ flexible
- ✓ multidimensional
- ✓ personalized
- ✓ relevant

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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** around the world speak French as their primary or second language and it is spoken in **54 countries** around the world.



Researcher Jim Cummins says :

- Students achieve a high level of functional fluency in French by the end of Grade 12.
- No detrimental effects on students' English language skills have been found in studies of late immersion. In fact, some research tends to suggest that first language skills are enhanced by second language study.
- Immersion students do as well as their English-program counterparts in subject areas.
- There is a positive association between second language learning and academic development.



French Immersion Program

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- Students are expected to make **the commitment** to remain in the program for the **three years** in high school.
- Our counsellors rely on **your commitment** and **information from the junior high** school counsellors and Immersion teachers regarding potential for success at the senior high level.

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- Your decision to continue in Immersion should be based on your **achievement and motivation** in the continuing junior high or late Immersion program.
- Students enrolled in FI must finish the school year in FI before enquiring for a program transfer and will follow an ABE FI “learning tool” process.

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French Immersion Program 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
- Mathématiques *Advanced Placement*: 10CFAP, 20-1FAP, 30-1FAP
- Mathématiques: 20-2F, 30-2F
- Mathématiques: *31F (*not mandatory in French)

*** The 3 subject courses are also offered blended**



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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**



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***CBE** - CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT IN FRENCH IMMERSION*

- Aberhart recognize **all** French Immersion students and their certificate/letter at the **Aberhart** grade 12 graduation spring ceremony.
- Certificate with **distinction** 80% or higher in average in all three subjects for grades 10, 11, & 12

**Any student could receive the certificate
with 50 credits !!!**

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Certificat de compétences en immersion française
Certificate of Achievement in French Immersion

Michael Phillip Deslauriers

a complété avec distinction académique
le programme d'immersion française avec 45 crédits

has completed with academic distinction
the French Immersion Program with 45 credits

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2012-2013 @ ABE



515 students graduated with
a HS diploma

236 students graduated with
the CBE FI certificate

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

70 students with 50 credits

**Aberhart is proud to celebrate
32 years of French Immersion !!!**

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FRENCH IMMERSION EXPECTATION



- 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 their three years.
- Speaking French at all times in all classes where French is the language of instruction.
- Aberhart has many resources and options are in place to help students with their success.

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Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Time	Friday
8:30 8:55	Tutorial	Tutorial	Tutorial	Tutorial		
8:58 10:26	1	2	1	2	8:58 10:03	1
10:29 11:57	2	1	2	1	10:06 11:11	2
11:57 12:37	LUNCH				11:11 11:31	LUNCH
12:40 2:08	3	4	3	4	11:34 12:39	3
2:11 3:39	4	3	4	3	12:42 1:47	4
3:45 5:15	Completion Center	Completion Center	Completion Center	Completion Center		

RESOURCES

- ABE website www.aberhart.ca
- Learning Center - French learning strategists
- D2L  *Innovative Learning Technology*
- Library on-line - Learning Commons
- We offer a **direct link** to the best online grammar checker for text in French, English and Spanish
bonpatron.com REPSIT & *Antidote*
- Assistive Technology – *R & W Gold, Dragon*
- Dictionaries: F/E, *avec Brio, Anglicismes, Synonymes, Coocurences, Bescherelle, Termium*
- ePortfolio
- The Completion Center



ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

IMMERSION EN ACTION

- DELF

- Advanced Placement in French Language
 - Voyage en France
 - CBE International Certificate
 - French Debate

Recently, a ABE student was awarded
the best French debater in **Canada**

- Concours d'Art Oratoire
- Partnership with Maurick College, Vught, Netherland

maurick college



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EXCHANGE OPPORTUNITIES



Explore – 16 yrs.

Rencontre du Canada – 14 to 17 yrs.

YMCA jeunesse – 16 to 17 yrs.

OSEF – Organisme Séjours Éducatifs Français
Alberta - Québec – summer/work exchange



FACTS about

ABE 

ABE will challenge **YOU** !



ABE offers in total **13 athletic sports !**

ABE hosts over **15 school events** per school year !

ABE is the biggest **Trilingual school** in Canada !

ABE publishes student voice in **3 different publications !**

ABE has over **25 clubs** for you to get involved in !

ABE has over **20 fine arts** enrichment programs !

ABE participates in **local, provincial, national and international curricular competitions !**

ABE students travels all over **the world !!!**

ABE will challenge **YOU !**



POST SECONDARY IN FRENCH

- Representatives of French Faculties from diverse Universities across Canada (Regina, Ottawa, St-Anne, Montreal etc.) come and speak to our students about their options with post-secondary French education.

- University of Calgary – 

- Campus Saint Jean (Edmonton)



- Mount Royal University



- Most Canadian Universities have a French department, center and offer enticing bursaries!

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OUR PARTNERSHIPS

Alliance Française de Calgary

Canadian Parents for French - Chapitre Calgary

Maurick College, *Vught, Netherland*

Université de Calgary - *Centre Français*

Université d'Alberta – *Campus Saint Jean*

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ABE'S GRADE 9 TOUR OPEN HOUSE

Thursday December 5th, 2013

6:30 – 8:30 pm

Main Gymnasium

Aberhart.ca

for more details

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FRENCH IMMERSION PROGRAM @ ABE

**“ It gives you mobility.
It gives you flexibility.
It gives you a whole other way
of seeing things,
Two attitudes,
Two approaches.”**

John Ralston Saul

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QUESTIONS



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