

## **Frequently Asked Questions - French Immersion**

In French Immersion, we tend to get to know our students better than in regular classes because we get to teach them more times. We are dedicated to learning about your child so that we can bring our students from where they are to where they want to be. Our priority is to understand your child's goals and support them in reaching them.

### **What is the difference between French Immersion and regular classes?**

French Immersion has the exact same curriculum of studies and generally does the same assessments. We use the same laboratory and technology materials. The only difference is that we cover the curriculum in French.

### **What is the advantage of French Immersion, then?**

Students learn to problem solve and become more flexible learners. It opens more job opportunities for their future. In many careers, a second language is an asset. It helps them learn other languages and appreciate other languages and cultures as well as their own.

### **What are we doing for the GAPS that may have been created by the last year of learning?**

All teachers are aware that students may have gaps in their learning. To address this we are reviewing concepts prior to the teaching of new materials. We are in the business of helping your child understand the course content and recognize that sometimes we need to go back to go forward.

### **How can my child get extra help?**

Teachers make themselves available for help at lunch as well as before and after classes. Time is limited so students are advised to be organized and come to extra help with specific questions. All teachers address questions about current and past learning during class time. Teachers may also provide extra questions on their Brightspace and/ or by emailing them to parents.

### **Tutor list - Should I get a tutor? How do I arrange a French speaking tutor?**

Most students are successful in French Immersion with the help of their teacher and some support at home. As a family if you are able to provide a quiet workspace and encourage your child to spend some time with their homework, that is sufficient for most students. There is a tutor list available from the guidance counsellors or your child's teacher.

### **How can I best help my child if we don't speak French at home?**

Providing a quiet workspace and healthy routines. You can also ask your child to talk to you in English about what they learned that day. They will be able to discuss the concepts in English and many formal terms are almost the same in both languages.