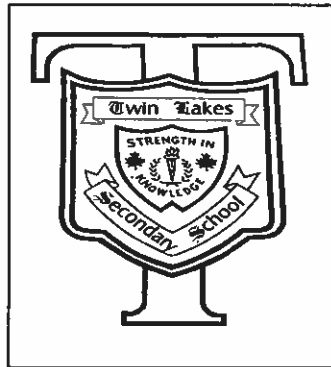


TWIN LAKES SECONDARY SCHOOL

French Immersion Program



The Simcoe County District School Board

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The French Immersion (FI) program supports students to refine and develop French communication skills through studying various subjects.

What Happens in High School

- 10 courses in French
- Graduate with a Certificate of French Immersion Studies
- Interested Gr 12 students can challenge the Diplôme Études Langue Française (DELF)

The successful student:

By grade 12, French Immersion students should be striving for the B2 (independent level) within the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR) and should be able to:

- express themselves with fluidity, clarity and spontaneity
- understand a wide range of long and complex texts, including subtext and nuance
- use the language effectively in social, professional or academic settings
- be themselves in French!

THE CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION

To receive a certificate of completion for the French Immersion program, students must complete 10 credits, including 4 French Language Arts courses and a minimum of 6 other courses where the language of instruction is French. This allows French Immersion students to complete the requirements for a Certificate of French Immersion Studies.

CHALLENGE THE DELF

The Diplôme d'Etudes en Langue Française (DELF) is a diploma issued by the French Ministry for National Education that certifies a learner's proficiency in French as an additional language. DELF diplomas are recognized around the world.

- DELF measures and certifies your level of language proficiency using an established and internationally recognized tool.
- DELF has global currency. It's calibrated to international language standards and is recognized around the world.
- Proficiency in an additional language is an asset and certified proficiency enhances the value of this asset. A DELF certificate can qualify you for study, work or other opportunities.

- DELF B2 meets the language requirement for admission to universities in France and increasingly to French-speaking universities in Canada.
- For more information, please visit the SCDSB website.

SECONDARY PROGRAM

Subjects Taught in French - Total of 10 courses

Grade 9 9e Année	Grade 10 10e Année	Grade 11 11e Année	Grade 12 12e Année
French/Français Immersion	French/Français Immersion	French/Français Immersion	French/Français Immersion
Geography/ Géographie	History/ Histoire	Cultural and Historical Studies/Histoire de l'art et Cultures Mondiales (*this can also be done as a grade 12 credit)	
Physical Education/ Éducation Physique	Civics and Careers/ Civisme et Citoyenneté		
Integrated Arts/ Arts Intégrés			

Students will spend 25% of their timetable in French language instruction. **Students are supported in their efforts to use only French in class at all times.** Supplementary reading, book reports, journals and oral presentations form integral parts of the course.

All activities either in the classroom or out of the classroom are planned to enable the student to improve his/her communication skills.

Teaching strategies will be very similar to those used where the same subject is taught in English.

All courses follow the curriculum guidelines of the Ministry of Education, the same as those used in the regular English program.

2024-2025 SCDSB Online eLearning course offerings in French language:

- Geography/Géographie (gr 9)
- Civics and Careers/Civisme et Citoyenneté (gr 10)
- Food & Culture/Nourriture & Culture (gr 11)

Please see your guidance counsellor for more information or registration.

ADMISSION

Priority is given to students promoted from the Simcoe County District School Board French Immersion classes. Subsequent seats will be determined on a case-by-case basis through school administration.

BENEFITS OF SPEAKING A SECOND LANGUAGE

Career opportunities

- Over 1/3 of businesses want people specifically for their language skills (e.g. Journalist, tour guide, engineer, doctor, marketing director)

Mental benefits

- Memory, multi-tasking, aptitude, health, and attention
- Someone who is multilingual finds it much easier to learn additional languages

FRENCH IMMERSION TRANSPORTATION

French immersion transportation at the secondary level is limited to the following arrangements:

Students residing in the Twin Lakes area may use regular secondary school bus transportation, if within the bus zone, subject to the bus loading policies of the Simcoe County District School Board.

Students residing outside the Twin Lakes area, busing is available if within the bus zone from centralized community bus stops.

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