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Bishop Pinkham School

Late French Immersion

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Striving for Excellence



What is the Late French Immersion Program?

Late French Immersion is a unique, exciting opportunity for students in Grade 7. This Alternative Program enables students interested in learning French a chance to develop competencies in French, while simultaneously learning provincial curriculum objectives of that grade. Once embarking on the adventure in Late French Immersion, you will find multiple opportunities that result from learning French as another language.

Whereas French as a Second Language provides an opportunity to learn French 2-3 hours a week, Late French Immersion provides students with the opportunity to read, listen, write and communicate in their academic subjects: Humanities, Mathematics and Science.

Late French Immersion offers students a formal classroom environment for learning French. We approach our teaching with many creative, innovative lessons to teach French. To complement our classroom work, students will have opportunities like hands-on learning, presentations, clubs, camps, exchanges, debates and field trips.

Check out our school website for details: Bishop Pinkham School Website
<https://school.cbe.ab.ca/school/bishoppinkham/Pages/default.aspx>

Why Choose Late French Immersion?

Advantages of Becoming Bilingual

- Helps achieve more goals in high school opening more options for University or College.
- It will give you a competitive edge in the job market
- It will assist you when you travel to different countries

Characteristics of Our Students

- Creative and Critical Thinkers
- Risk Takers
- High Achievers
- Strong Family Involvement and Support



Home of the

2021 Boys Volleyball
Finalists

2021 Girls Volleyball
Semi Finalists

2021 Girls Soccer
Bronze

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How Important is French in the World?

- 25 countries have French as one of their official languages
- 128 million people worldwide speak French
- French is a working language in international organizations such as the United Nations, The Commonwealth, G-8, The International Olympic Committee, NATO, EU and the International Monetary Fund

Facts About Late French Immersion

Learning French as a second language:

- Develops learning and listening skills
- Increase in cognitive abilities
- Creates a more flexible thinker
- Improves skills in one's first language
- Makes learning yet another language easier

Many students begin knowing little to no French. Instructional strategies and materials are designed with this in mind. While Late French Immersion students are expected to cover the same academic material as regular English program students, in the first year or two, some of the more complex content in some subject areas may be simplified. These are revisited in later months and years when students' language skills have increased.

Most students are comfortable with their new language and use it with relative ease by the end of grade 7.

Since it is usually the students' decision to enroll in the Late French Immersion Program, this Alternative Program tends to attract highly motivated students



FAQs about Late French Immersion

Is any previous knowledge of French required?

No, none at all!

What is required?

Strong listening skills, consistent participation in class, willingness to take risks and make mistakes, good organizational skills, consistent school attendance and homework completion.

How will students be able to understand the teacher if they don't speak French?

Your teachers will use repetition, visual cues, technology, modified resources, movement, dramatization and words lexically similar to English and many other strategies. Extra help is often available after school and/or during lunch time.

Is the curriculum the same as in English?

Yes, but instead of 4 core subjects, there are 5 in the Immersion Program because of the addition of French Language Arts.



Our School

Bishop Pinkham School is a French Immersion and English school where we celebrate learning and personal accomplishment. This results in all of us taking pride in and assuming responsibility for ourselves and the school.

School Profile

There are 540 students, with about 70% French Immersion and 30% in English.

The option courses offered to students at Bishop Pinkham are:

- Art
- Concert Band
- Drama
- ENVOE (Outdoor Education)
- Foods
- Construction
- Leadership
- Performing Arts
- Yearbook
- French as a Second Language



Extra-curricular activities include: Badminton, Basketball, Debate, GSA, Intramural Sports, Peer Tutoring, Soccer, Track and Field, Volleyball.

Register with us today!
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