

# French Education Programs in BC

French Programs	Who?	What?	Where?	When?	Why?
<b>Core French</b>	All students (it is not necessary for parents to speak French)	One to three blocks of instruction per week.	Most school districts and independent schools.	Most districts offer it from Grades 5-12 (only a few districts offer it before Grade 5).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communicate with purpose and confidence in French</li> <li>• Expand understanding and appreciation of Francophone cultures</li> <li>• Understand educational, career, social, and travel opportunities that acquiring French offers</li> </ul>
<b>Intensive French</b>	All students (it is not necessary for parents to speak French)	First half of the year is taught in French, and the second half of the year is taught in English.	Four school districts including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SD 75 Mission</li> <li>• SD 39 Vancouver</li> <li>• SD 6 Rocky Mountains</li> <li>• SD 36 Surrey</li> </ul>	Grades 6 and 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rapidly acquire competencies in French to communicate with purpose and confidence</li> <li>• Expand understanding and appreciation of Francophone cultures</li> <li>• Understand educational, career, social, and travel opportunities that acquiring French offers</li> </ul>
<b>French Immersion</b>	All students (it is not necessary for parents to speak French)	Main language of instruction for all subjects is French, with instruction in the English language progressively added throughout the years.	Forty-seven school districts in the province and several independent schools	<p><b>Early Immersion:</b> students begin in Kindergarten/Grade 1 and can remain in the program to Grade 12.</p> <p><b>Late Immersion:</b> students begin in Grade 6 and can remain in the program to Grade 12.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Become bilingual</li> <li>• Appreciate Francophone cultures</li> <li>• Earn a Dogwood Diploma AND un Diplôme de fin d'études secondaires en Colombie-Britannique</li> </ul>
<b>Francophone Program</b>	Students whose parents qualify based on <a href="#">Section 23 of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms</a> .	All subject areas are taught in French (except English Language Arts).	One province-wide school district (public), with 40 schools in different locations across the province.	Kindergarten - Grade 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Learn both French and English Language Arts in a Francophone environment</li> <li>• Develop identity as a Francophone individual</li> <li>• Earn a Dogwood Diploma AND Un Diplôme de fin d'études secondaires en Colombie-Britannique, demonstrating graduation from the Francophone Program</li> </ul>