

Hammarskjold High School offers a French Immersion Diploma to students wishing to continue their study of the French language. To obtain the Diploma, students are required to take ten credits with French as the language of instruction. Four of these credits must be French Immersion language credits. The French Immersion program offers compulsory courses en français, including:

- Geography of Canada | Grade 9;
- Healthy Active Living Education | Grade 9;
- Civics | Grade 10;
- Career Studies | Grade 10; and
- Canadian History since WWI | Grade 10.

For the other French credits, students choose additional courses from the following:

- Food and Nutrition | HFN2OF;
- Cooperative Education | DCO3OF;
- Food and Culture | HFC3MF; and
- Introduction to Anthropology, Sociology, and Psychology | HSP3UF.

The variety of course offerings and full immersion experiences provide students with ample opportunities to enhance and refine their oral and written French language skills through structured and unstructured daily interaction. In addition, students will expand their knowledge of the language through the study of francophone culture and literature.

By the end of the four year program, students will participate easily in conversations and discussions, will be able to take courses at the college or university level in which French is the language of instruction, and will be able to accept employment where French is the working language.

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**Learning more than one language is increasingly recognized as a lifelong gift, enhancing a child's self-esteem and intellectual ability while opening new doors to a wider world of study, travel, and employment.**

Canadian Parents for French

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**Information**  
For more information about the French Immersion program, visit the Hammarskjold website, contact the school directly, or visit us at Hammarskjold today!

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Making lifelong friendships

Étudier en français | Learn French



## Student Success in French Immersion

Mastering skills and concepts connected with learning in the FSL curriculum requires ongoing practice, personal reflection, an effort to respond to feedback, and a commitment from students. It also requires a willingness to try new activities, take risks in using French, and work respectfully with peers. Through ongoing practice and reflection about their development, students will deepen their appreciation and understanding of the French language as well as of themselves and others.

## French Immersion Parents

By becoming familiar with the curriculum, parents can better appreciate what is being taught in the courses their children are taking and what they are expected to learn. Parents can also provide a language-rich environment in the home, encouraging their children to read French-language books and magazines, to listen to French music, and to watch French-language programs, films, and documentaries.

*The Ontario Curriculum, Grades 9-12: French As A Second Language - Core French, Extended French, and French Immersion, 2014*

## Advanced Placement | French

Hammarskjold's Advanced Placement program can change a student's life. Through the university-level French AP course, students enter a universe of knowledge that might otherwise remain unexplored in high school. Through an AP exam, students have the opportunity to earn a credit or advanced standing at most of the nation's colleges and universities.

## The importance of French as a Second Language Curriculum

The ability to speak and understand French allows students to communicate with French-speaking people in Canada and around the world, to understand and appreciate the history and evolution of their cultures, and to develop and benefit from a competitive advantage in the workforce.

In addition to strengthening students' ability to communicate, learning another language develops their awareness of how language and culture interconnect, helping them appreciate and respect the diversity of Canadian and global societies. Knowledge of an additional language strengthens first-language skills. The ability to speak two or more languages generally enhances cognitive development, as well as reasoning and creative thinking skills. It also enhances the student's confidence as a learner, facilitates the learning of additional languages, and contributes to academic achievement.

Positive outcomes for students in the FSL curriculum include:

- increased mental flexibility;
- improved problem solving skills;
- a better understanding of a variety of cultures;
- a greater awareness of global issues, including those related to the environment and sustainability; and
- expanded career opportunities.

The ability to speak both of Canada's official languages helps prepare students for their role as active and engaged citizens in today's bilingual and multicultural Canada. The language learning strategies that students develop in the FSL program can contribute to an interest in learning languages throughout their lives and provide them with the skills to do so. Such abilities benefit the individual, and Canadian society - as well as the global community - stands to gain from having plurilingual citizens.

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Lakehead Public Schools is a proud partner in the Centre DELF-DALF du Nord Ouest Ontario (Accredited Testing Centre) providing the opportunity for our students, upon successful completion of the DELF Scolaire examination, to obtain an internationally-recognized DELF certificate.

## Diplôme d'études en langue française (DELF) certificate

Hammarskjold High School encourages Grade 12 French Immersion students to participate in the Diplôme d'études en langue française (DELF), an internationally recognized test of French proficiency for candidates whose first language is not French.

The assessment is based on the Common European Framework of Reference which defines language proficiency along six global levels. Four competencies are measured across all DELF levels: listening, speaking, reading, and writing. The DELF Scolaire, made available to Grade 12 students, is offered at levels A1 and A2 (Basic User levels), and B1 and B2 (Independent User levels). Grade 12 students wishing to challenge the DELF Scolaire exam at the B2 level should maintain an average of at least 70% in all French Immersion courses.

## Live a Culture Talk & Walk the World!

French Immersion students may choose to participate in board-approved school year exchanges, summer exchanges, study abroad courses, and/or government sponsored language bursary programs. They may have the opportunity to participate in a senior French-language excursion, where French Immersion Vikings, accompanied by language teachers, will practice their language skills and visit new and exciting French-speaking regions of Canada and beyond!



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