

Late French Immersion Program

**Start Late
Finish Fluent!!**



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Saskatoon Public Schools is pleased to provide an opportunity for students entering Grade 6 to enroll in an enriched learning challenge where they can become functionally bilingual in both of Canada's official languages. The exciting new Late French Immersion (LFI) program provides students with a full educational program along with the opportunity to acquire a high level of proficiency in French. LFI is open to students entering Grade 6 who are not currently enrolled in a regular French Immersion program.

Description:

LFI is a long term program which begins at Grade 6 and continues through to Grade 12. All subject areas are taught in French except for English Language Arts. In Grade 8, the Early and Late Immersion students join together into one program. The two groups become academically cohesive during the secondary years. Students are encouraged to stay in the program through Grade 12 in order to attain a high degree of bilingualism and to receive a bilingual graduate certificate.

Program Goals:

- To provide an opportunity for students to become functionally bilingual in both of Canada's official languages
- To broaden students' cultural lives through access to literature, art, music, theatre, and ways of life in another language
- To gain insight into the common attitudes and values of French-speaking communities
- To provide an opportunity to take post-secondary education with French as the language of instruction
- To enhance career opportunities where the working language is French
- To provide extra enrichment and challenges to students
- To achieve skills in all subject areas equivalent to those in the English program
- To develop enhanced feelings of self-esteem and pride in having acquired an additional language



What about students' academic achievement?

Late French Immersion is a long-term program designed for students to become functionally bilingual in both of Canada's official languages. It is not a one-year program designed to give students a rigorous introduction to the French language. English Language Art skills will not suffer. Research indicates that English Language Arts skills tend to remain as good as those of students who continue in the regular English program. In fact, research shows that there is absolutely no detrimental effect on academic performance in **any subject** area when learning in a new language.

What characteristics do students need to be successful?

- **Motivation** to learn
- **Openness** to learning in another language
- **Eagerness** to meet new friends and have new experiences
- **Willingness** to work hard (especially in the initial fall term) when learning the basics of a new language
- **Enjoyment** of language activities and a willingness to spend lots of time chatting to friends in class **en français!**

What commitment do Parents need?

- **Encouragement**, especially during the initial fall term when students are learning the basics of a new language
- **Willingness** to engage their child with learning, at home
- **Recognition** of their child's wonderful accomplishments
- **Parents do not need to speak French** and most have little or no French language skills

Transportation

Busing arrangements to the closest designated schools can usually be made to accommodate all LFI students.

École Henry Kelsey School
16 Valens Drive
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
Canada S7L 3S1

École Lakeview School
527 Kingsmere Blvd
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
Canada S7J 3V4

École River Heights School
60 Ravine Drive
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
Canada S7K 1E2

How can I get more information?

To inquire about the program, please contact:

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For Your Info. . .

LFI Registration forms are available at École Henry Kelsey School, École Lakeview School and École River Heights School

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