

French Immersion students who continue their French studies through to grade 12 can earn what is known as a “double dogwood” or bilingual graduation certificate. Students must complete the graduation requirements as set out in the [Graduation Program Order](#) to earn both a British Columbia Certificate of Graduation (Dogwood Diploma) and a Diplôme de fin d'études secondaires en Colombie-Britannique.

Early French Immersion

Early French Immersion begins either in Kindergarten or grade one.

- Kindergarten to grade 3 is 100% in French, though safety aspects and some small aspects for comfort are communicated in English. In some schools, Music and Library may be in English.
- In grade 4 English language arts is added to the curriculum.

Grade	% Of French Instruction	% of English Instruction
K-3	100	0
4-7	80	20
8-10	50-75	25-50
11-12	no less than 25	no more than 75

Late French Immersion

Late French Immersion begins in grade 6 at Glenbrook Middle School.

- In grade 6, all instruction is in French except Explorations and Career and Health Education
- In grade 7 and 8, all instruction is in French except English Language Arts, Exploratories and Career and Health Education
- Students in the Early and Late French Immersion streams join at grade 8; teachers make allowances for the different skill levels in French from then to grade 12.

Bilingual Graduation Certificate Requirements:

- meet the graduation requirements as set out in the [Graduation Program Order](#) (what all students needs to graduate in British Columbia)
- successfully complete Français langue seconde 10, 11, 12 and
- ensure that at least three more of their four-credit grades 10, 11, or 12 courses are taught in French, with at least one of these at the grade 11 or 12 levels.

Grade	Mandatory course	Minimum # of French Courses needed to graduate	What is also offered in French at NWSS
9	Français Langue 9	+ three	Science, Social Studies, P.E. , Concert Band
10	Français Langue 10	+ two	Social Studies, P.E., Concert Band
11	Français Langue 11	+ one	Social Studies
12	Français Langue 12		

French Immersion students must write the Provincial exam for Français langue seconde – immersion 12.