

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 40 (NEW WESTMINSTER)
HOW MUCH FRENCH INSTRUCTION DOES MY CHILD RECEIVE?
WHAT IS A DOUBLE DOGWOOD?

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.

Grade	LFI Program	What is also offered in English at GMS
6	Français Langue 6 Same curriculum but in French	Exploratories Career Education
7	Français Langue 7	Exploratories Career Education English Language Arts
8	Français Langue 8 Integrated with EFI	Exploratories Career Education English Language Arts

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.