

MEMORANDUM

TO: Families of Grade 6 Students

FROM: Niki O'Brien-MacDonald, Senior Management Official - Programs Implementation

SUBJECT: **Late French Immersion 2026-27 Registration**

DATE: January 28, 2026

NLSchools will be conducting registration for the **Late French Immersion (LFI)** program during the week of **February 16th, 2026** for elementary schools where applicable.

Late French Immersion is intended for students who are interested in developing fluency in the French language. Any student who has completed Grade 6 can register for the Late French Immersion Program. This is an intensive immersion program beginning in Grade 7 where approximately 75% of the curriculum is taught using French as the language of instruction. This decreases to a minimum of 30% as students enter senior high school. Late French Immersion is a six-year program from Grade 7 to Level III. Please note that a student accepted into the LFI program is expected to make a minimum one year commitment to the program in the Grade 7 year.

What are the benefits of second language learning?

- Provides a focus on literacy development
- Develops cultural appreciation and diversity
- Enriches personal development opportunities
- Enhances communication and problem-solving skills
- Develops national and global citizenship
- Facilitates learning of additional languages
- Increases employment opportunities

For further information about the LFI Program, you are encouraged to attend a virtual information session for parents/guardians. At the information session, you will be given an opportunity to ask any questions you may have regarding the Late French Immersion Program.

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Virtual Information Sessions

- INFORMATION SESSION 1** ▶ Tuesday, February 10th, 2026 at 7 PM
Google Meet Link : [LFI Information Session 1](#)
- INFORMATION SESSION 2** ▶ Thursday, February 12th, 2026 at 7 PM
Google Meet Link : [LFI Information Session 2](#)

We will forward the link to the presentation slide deck to schools, who will make it available to families who are unable to attend these sessions, once they have taken place.

TAKE NOTE: Late French Immersion registration will be done online through the NLSchools website, www.nlschools.ca. The registration form will be available from a dedicated Late French Immersion registration page as of 9:00 AM on Monday, February 16th, 2026.

The Late French Immersion registration form will be available to complete at 9:00 AM on Monday, February 16th, 2026 and will close on Friday, February 20th, 2026 at 11:59 PM.

We kindly ask that you register your child or children once only. As in past years, acceptance into the program will be on a first come, first served basis.

In the spring of 2026, you will be notified in writing via email confirming your child's registration - your child's Late French Immersion school will also be identified at that time following the regular feeder system where possible. Likewise, in the event that the maximum number of students has been reached, you will be notified via email indicating that your child will be placed on a waitlist. Should a space become available, you will be notified by the administration of your child's school. Please ensure that your email address is current when you complete your child's registration to assist us in providing timely communication.

If you have any questions regarding the Late French Immersion program please contact Joanne Connors, Program Specialist for French, by email to joanneconnors@nlschools.ca.