

Q1: Is French Immersion or Extended French a Student Special Interest Program?

- No. French Immersion/Extended French are programs that begin in elementary school. There is no entry point at Grade 9.

Q2: My child is currently in French Immersion/Extended French. If they are accepted to a Central Student Interest Program, do they need to leave the French program? Is it still possible to receive the bilingual certificate?

- The Certificate of Bilingual Studies for Extended French/French Immersion is granted on the basis of the completion of a set number of credits both in French Language and in subject courses where the language of instruction is French.
- To be able to complete these credit requirements, a student must be in attendance at a secondary school that offers these courses and must have time in their schedule to accommodate them. For these reasons, students will choose between a Central Student Interest Program or an Extended French/French Immersion program.

Q3: If I accept the placement in a Central Student Interest program and leave the French Immersion or Extended French program, can I come back to French Immersion or Extended French?

- There may be some time after the initial acceptance of placement to change your mind. However, once a student has been “made active” at their new secondary school, the return to a French Immersion/Extended French school cannot be guaranteed.
- Once a student leaves the French Immersion program, consideration for readmission is subject to the following parameters: available space and equivalent academic background in French. Equivalency is only a factor if space is determined at the local home school by address.
- Should space not be available, then admission is not possible. Space is determined by the local school Principal.

