

For more information...

EARLY FRENCH
IMMERSION

Kindergarten & Grade One

2009/10

*In 2009/10
Early French Immersion
programs will be offered at
the following elementary schools:*

ANDERSON Elementary
9460 Alberta Rd., V6Y 1T6
Phone: 604-668-6355

BRIDGE Elementary
10400 Leonard Ave., V7A 2N5
Phone: 604-668-6236

DIXON Elementary
9331 Diamond Rd., V7E 1P5
Phone: 604-668-6608

GILMORE Elementary
8380 Elsmore Rd., V7C 2A1
Phone: 604-668-6268

HOMMA Elementary
5100 Brunswick Dr., V7E 6K9
Phone: 604-668-7844

MITCHELL Elementary
12091 Cambie Rd., V6V 1G5
Phone: 604-668-6255

WHITESIDE Elementary
9282 Williams Rd., V7A 1H1
Phone: 604-668-6209



School District No. 38
RICHMOND

Your Early French Immersion Schools

BRIDGE Elementary

- 10400 Leonard Road
- Bridge Elementary
 - Brighthouse Elementary
 - Currie Elementary
 - DeBeck Elementary
 - Errington Elementary
 - Garden City Elementary
 - Maple Lane Elementary
 - Sea Island Elementary

ANDERSON Elementary

- 9460 Alberta Road
- Anderson Elementary
 - Cook Elementary
 - Talmey Elementary
 - Tomsett Elementary

DIXON Elementary

- 9331 Diamond Road
- Dixon Elementary
 - Diefenbaker Elementary
 - Steves Elementary
 - Wowk Elementary

GILMORE Elementary

- 8380 Elsmore Road
- Blair Elementary
 - Blundell Elementary
 - Ferris Elementary
 - Gilmore Elementary
 - Grauer Elementary
 - McKay Elementary
 - Quilchena Elementary
 - Spul'u'kwuks Elementary
 - Thompson Elementary

HOMMA Elementary

- 5100 Brunswick Drive
- Byng Elementary
 - Homma Elementary
 - McKinney Elementary
 - Westwind Elementary

MITCHELL Elementary

- 12019 Cambie Road
- Hamilton Elementary
 - McNeely Elementary
 - Mitchell Elementary
 - Tait Elementary

WHITESIDE Elementary

- 9282 Williams Road
- Kidd Elementary
 - Kingswood Elementary
 - Lee Elementary
 - Whiteside Elementary
 - Woodward Elementary

Visitors Welcome!

If you would like to see a French Immersion kindergarten class in action, please call the principal of your French Immersion school to make an appointment. Our doors are open!



French Immersion in Richmond Schools

Richmond French Immersion programs are provided in schools which also offer the regular English program.

We believe this approach:

- promotes tolerance and understanding among our students
- provides opportunities for interaction between the English and French Immersion programs to the benefit of all students

Introduced in 1978, our French Immersion program has expanded by one grade level each year. Today we offer French Immersion programming from kindergarten to grade 12.



French Immersion Program Goals

1. To produce students who are able to understand and communicate in French and English.
2. To allow students to develop linguistic and cultural knowledge within a dual-track program which supports a spirit of positive appreciation and respect.
3. To foster the intellectual, physical, emotional, social and creative development of children.
4. To develop awareness, appreciation, respect and understanding of the French and English cultures and values.
5. To enable students to pursue further education and careers in either or both languages.



What happens in the early primary years?

- Fluently bilingual teachers teach all subjects in French.

- The classroom focus is on the intellectual, social and emotional development of the child as well as language acquisition, motor skills and encouraging creativity.
- Classroom activity centers give children opportunities for learning through exploration and experimentation.

IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE

- January 15: Neighbourhood schools begin accepting applications for Alternate Programs (EFI/LFI/Montessori).
- February 5: Deadline by 4:00 p.m. for all applications for Alternate Programs. After this date contact Karen Chang by phone at 604-668-6088 or email kchang@sd38.bc.ca.
- February 10: District-wide draws take place for Early/Late Immersion and Montessori. Parents will be informed by email of their child's acceptance in the program.
- March 1: Deadline for parents to confirm acceptance of the placement assigned through the district-wide draw process.

Parent Information Meetings

A District French Immersion information meeting will be held:

Tuesday, **JANUARY 12, 2010**
from 7-8 P.M. at
Byng Elementary School,
3711 Georgia

Wednesday, **JANUARY 13, 2010**
from 7-8 P.M. at
Talmey Elementary School,
950 Kilby Drive

EFI only
Wednesday, **JANUARY 27, 2010**
from 7-8 P.M. at
Mitchell Elementary School,
12091 Cambie Rd.

