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Late French Immersion at Woodman School A Great Place to Learn – Une belle place pour apprendre

### **Late French Program Description**

Students are bilingual upon completion of the three-year junior high program. When entering Gr. 7, students experience two years of immersive, targeted language instruction in a sheltered environment. Language instruction begins with developing basic understanding, promoting confidence in speaking and building vocabulary centered on the core curriculum outcomes of the Alberta Education Programs of Studies in Math, Science, Social Studies and French Language Arts (approximately 60% of the day). Students take some classes in English, including daily English Language Arts, Physical Education and complementary courses. In Gr. 9, students of Late French are mixed into one of the two cohorts of Continuing French Immersion program students. The increased challenge of learning together with students who have already had 8-10 years of language instruction further motivates the student of Late French to take the next leap in their language skills. This challenge continues throughout Gr. 9 as they prepare to engage in academically rigorous French language programming at Dr. EP Scarlett High School.

## Students who demonstrate success in the Late French Program

- Express strong personal interest in an academic challenge
- Take risks and demonstrate self-confidence in making errors and learning from them
  - Demonstrate strengths in time management and study habits
  - Count on strong family support to reinforce routines conducive to optimal learning
  - Explore language enrichment opportunities outside of school
  - Envision a future for themselves as French speakers into high school and beyond
  - May speak another home language other than English



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#### **Complementary Course Offerings**

- Art/Ceramics
- Food
- Design Studies
- Robotics
- Communication Technologies
- Construction
- Band/Jazz Band
- Photography
- Leadership
- Environmental/Outdoor Education

#### **Extra-Curricular Opportunities**

- Lunch Clubs
- Athletic Teams (Cross-Country, Volleyball, Basketball, Badminton, Track & Field)
- Camping Expeditions
- Band Camps & Clinics
- West Coast Sailing Trip
- Quebec Trip
- International Student Exchanges
- Francophone Celebrations

## What do Woodman students say about the program?

"What I like about this program is how everyone is at the same level, so you don't have to feel shy about getting help or asking questions. You aren't alone!"

"Now that I'm in grade 8, I feel like I'm at a point where I can tell my hard work paid off. You start to feel satisfied with what you know and you feel accomplished."

"Thanks to the late French immersion program and my time in France (for the exchange program) I can say that I understand the language, and am planning to continue learning in French in high school next year. I hope that more people will have the passion to learn new languages and explore other cultures. It is a challenge well worth conquering."