



Programme d'immersion française

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Dear Parents and Guardians of French Immersion TREK students,

As you may know, French Immersion students participating in Prince of Wales TREK program will **miss three required** full year courses in French Immersion, which are mandatory for those who aspire to earn the *Bilingual Dogwood Diploma*. There are several ways to complete the requirements before the end of grade 12 in order to meet the Ministry of Education requirements of the *Bilingual Dogwood Diploma*.

One of the three courses, FILA 10, the French language arts course, is mandatory for graduating with the *Bilingual Dogwood*. The course will be offered by the language teacher at Prince of Wales. The second required course is Independent Directed Studies 10 (3 novel study). A detailed description of the requirements will be given to all the French Immersion students enrolled in TREK. Students should be able to complete the course during the next school year. **The deadline for completion will be the last Friday of September of their grade 12 year.** If students need additional time, this can be arranged, but students requiring an extension must ask for it in advance. Students are required to submit their completed work to the **French Immersion Department Head** at their school.

There are several possibilities for the third course. The Explore program <http://www.myexplore.ca> is offers a 3 week summer immersion at the end of grade 10 or a 5 week immersion at the end of grade 11. The YMCA summer work exchange offers the unique experience of working for 6 weeks in Quebec and living with a family whose son or daughter does the same here in BC while staying in your home <https://swse.ymcagta.org>. BAA Peer Tutoring 11 is available at some Secondary schools which entails working with younger French Immersion students during their *Skills* blocks. It is also possible to find a volunteering experiences in French which require a similar investment of time and effort as the previous examples.

Please be aware that registration deadlines vary from one program to the other and need to be done early in the calendar year. Each family is responsible to register their own student. Students are in turn responsible to present proof of program completion and/or a completed volunteer attestation form (below) to the French Immersion Department Head by September of their Grade 12 year.

Please be assured that Modern Languages will continue to work closely with both TREK teachers and French Immersion Department Heads to ensure that French Immersion students receive pertinent information if they wish to graduate with a *Bilingual Dogwood Diploma*.

Kind regards,

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