



# BIENVENUE EN IMMERSION FRANÇAISE ! WELCOME TO FRENCH IMMERSION!



## French Immersion at Cathedral High School

Cathedral is proud to be the Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board's location for the secondary school French Immersion program for over 25 years.

Admission to the program is dependent upon the student's proficiency in French. Graduates from the elementary French Immersion Program and graduates from French Language schools should inquire about the program in Grade 8.

The Certificate of French Immersion is awarded by the HWCDSB as an adjunct to the student transcript. It provides evidence of a student's degree of involvement in the French Immersion Program at the secondary level. This certificate is important for students applying to study at a French or bilingual post-secondary institution as well as for students intending to enter the workforce in a French or bilingual capacity.

*"French Immersion has opened so many doors for me and given me so many opportunities that I wouldn't have had otherwise"*



RIVER,  
CLASS OF 2020

*"Cathedral's teachers were so passionate about teaching that they inspired me to become a French teacher!"*



ALICIA,  
CLASS OF 2011

*"I'm ready to pass the DELF test and achieve my bilingual certification thanks to the preparation from my French Immersion teachers!"*



CHIARA,  
CLASS OF 2021

The goals for the French Immersion Program are to develop an ability in French at a level that permits students to:



communicate easily with French-speaking people



understand and appreciate Canada's francophone heritage



continue their educational development in French or English



to accept employment that requires French and English or a combination of the two languages

## Certificate of French Immersion

The certificate of French Immersion is awarded to students who satisfy the following requirements:

- Successful completion of the HWCDSB's French Immersion Program at the elementary level or its equivalent;
- Successful completion of the required number of secondary school French Immersion Credits in the intermediate and senior division, presently set at ten (10) credits.
- NOTE: Students may take Core French courses in addition to their French/Immersion requirements; however, a Core French course may not be used as a substitution for a French Immersion requirement.



## Credits in the Secondary French Immersion Program

### Grade 9

**FIF 1DF** Français (French Immersion Language Arts)  
**CGC 1DF** Géographie Canadienne (Canadian Geography)  
**ADA 1OF** Arts dramatiques (Dramatic Arts)

### Grade 10

**FIF 2DF** Français (French Immersion Language Arts)  
**CHV 2OF** Éducation de la citoyenneté (Civics)  
**GLC 2OF** Exploration des choix des carrières (Careers)  
**CHC 2DF** Histoire Canadienne (Canadian History)

### Grade 11

**FIF 3UF** Français (French Immersion Language Arts)  
**HRE 3MF** Education religieuse (Religious Education)

### Grade 12

**FIF 4UF** Français (French Immersion Language Arts)  
**HRE 4MF** Education religieuse (Religious Education)

FIF 1DF, CGC 1DF, ADA 1OF, CHC 2DF, CHV 2OF, GLC 2OF fulfill requirements towards the Ontario Secondary School Diploma in the areas of French, Canadian Geography, Arts and Canadian History.

*Students can customize their secondary school education while combining their French Immersion studies and the Specialist High Skills Major Program.*



## HOW FRENCH IMMERSION SUPPORTS THE ONTARIO CATHOLIC SCHOOL GRADUATE EXPECTATIONS

The French Immersion Program fosters an appreciation of cultures and creates meaningful communication as students learn the structure and functioning of language. The study of language provides abundant opportunities for future career and educational planning. In this way, students become responsible citizens, respectful of the Catholic teaching.

Notre école favorise l'excellence axadémique, la participation parascolaire et la croissance spirтуelle dans un environnement d'apprentissage centré sur le Christ.

Tout le personnel de Cathedral est fier de la réputation de notre école, de ses réalisations et des résultats du travail accompli en tant que communauté scolaire.

