



Annapolis Valley
Regional School Board

Integrated French Program in the AVRSB

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Vision
Working Together
for Students



Mission
To create a supportive, student-centred environment where each student succeeds and all educational partners are valued.



Guiding Principles
- Students First
- Focus on Learning
- Positive Environment
- Respect for Diversity
- Collaboration, Partnerships and Cooperation

Facts about Integrated French

- ▶ Integrated French is an elective program that is offered to those students in Anglophone schools who wish to develop a greater degree of competence in French.
- ▶ Integrated French begins in grade 7 and continues to the end of grade 12.
- ▶ In grades 7-9, students take French Language Arts and Social Studies (taught in French)
- ▶ In grades 10-12, students take French Language Arts every year and one other course taught in French from the offerings in the Social Studies, Personal Development and Career Education or Arts Education areas of the Public Schools Programs document.

Time Allotment Grades 7-9

- ▶ The total amount of time allotted for the program (French Language Arts and Social Studies) must be equal to the total time allotted for English Language Arts and Social Studies in the English program:
 - 60 minutes/day for French Language Arts
 - 30 minutes/day for English Language Arts
 - 30 minutes/day for Social Studies

Time Allotment Grades 10-12

- ▶ Students take one French Language Arts course every year and **one other course** taught in French.
- ▶ Course selection **may** include:
 - Arts Dramatiques 10
 - Histoire Ancienne 10
 - Histoire du Canada 11
 - Mode de Vie Actif 11
 - Géographie Planétaire 12
 - Droit 12



Characteristics of Integrated French program

- ▶ Integrated French is an *optional* French program designed for students whose first language is not French. Instructional strategies and materials are designed with this in mind.
- ▶ This program was created for students whose first language is not French and who have not yet studied French intensely.
- ▶ Students follow the *same* curriculum and initiatives as other same grade level students in Nova Scotia with the expectation of meeting the same outcomes.

Regional Program

- ▶ All Immersion and Integrated programs in the AVRSB are **regional** programs, therefore, registration for these programs is open to all students in the AVRSB.
- ▶ Transportation for immersion programs outside a student's community school is the responsibility of the student's family.
- ▶ Please check the school's website or contact the school for registration deadlines.

Is Integrated French right for my son/daughter?

- ▶ The decision to enroll should be made by both the student and the parent/guardian.
- ▶ Students should have a keen interest in learning French, be hard -working and be willing to accept the challenge of learning French as another language while learning course content.
- ▶ In order to best achieve the program goals, once students enroll in Integrated French it is assumed that they are making a long term commitment to the program.

Parent's/Guardian's Role

- ▶ Integrated French program is specifically designed for children of parents or guardians who do not speak French.
- ▶ Homework is designed specifically to be student-centered and independent work. Teachers provide various supports in the classroom in order to support the work completed at home by the students.
- ▶ Parents/Guardians must be reassured that what is vital in their involvement is providing a rich and supportive environment at home.

The Integrated French Certificate

- ▶ In order to obtain this certificate, students in senior high must successfully complete a total of **6** courses where the language of instruction is French;
 - successfully complete the French Language Arts courses in Gr. 10,11 and 12
 - successfully complete a minimum of **three** other courses, over the three years, where the language of instruction is French.
 - successfully fulfil graduation requirements as prescribed by the Department of Education

Where is Integrated French currently offered in AVRSB?

- ▶ Annapolis West Education Centre : Grades 7-12
- ▶ Bridgetown Regional High School : Grades 7-12
- ▶ Middleton Regional High School: Grades 7-12
- ▶ Pine Ridge Middle School : Grade 7 for the 2016-17 school year
- ▶ West Hants Middle School : Grades 7 & 8 then Avon View High School Gr 9-12

Additional Information

- ▶ Further information can be found at the NS Department of Education and Early Childhood Development website:

<https://fsl.ednet.ns.ca/content/integrated-french>