

School District 50: Haida Gwaii/Queen Charlotte

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1. Registration:

a. Elementary Schools will advertise registration procedures and details for enrolment in Late French Immersion in school newsletters, early in the new calendar year.

b. The School District will advertise this information in local newspapers and on the SD Web Site, early in the new calendar year.

c. Open registration will be taken on a first come, first served basis at the schools housing the program. Each student should be registered by an adult representative. Each adult shall represent only one family.

d. Registration will take place simultaneously in schools offering the program.

e. Where registration exceeds the upper limit of the class enrolment, a wait list will be maintained at the schools housing the program. The top of the wait list will be the name of the next person registered after the last person has been accepted.

2. Entry to the French Immersion Program at any grade level other than Grade 5/6, will be on the basis of:

a. Available space and

b. Previous experience with the French language.

3. Leaving the French Immersion Program before the end of the school year and transferring to the English program will depend on availability of space in the English class. If there is no space to transfer to in the English Program, then the student remains in the French Program or can consider transferring to another school, with available space at the appropriate Grade Level.

4. Re-entry into French Immersion will be based upon considerations which will include program continuity and linguistic competence, as verified by the teacher and a district representative.

5. Requests for transfer from one school to another depend on space availability at the schools involved. (Board Policy 501.2)

6. Certificates will be awarded to elementary students upon successful completion of the Elementary Late French Immersion Program at the end of Grade 7.

7. Students who proceed to a secondary school French Immersion program at Howe Sound Secondary, and who meet the requirements of the French Immersion and Graduation Program, will earn both B.C. Certificate of Graduation (Dogwood Diploma) and a *diplôme de fin d'études secondaire en Colombie-Britannique*.