

○ **What is the difference between Core French, French Immersion and Intensive French?**

Core French is a second language program intended to enable students to communicate with some very basic communication skills in French. It is also important to foster a development of openness to cultural diversity. At YK1, the Core French program is available for students in Grades 1-12. The Core French program offers, on average, 40-125 hours of French instruction per year, at a frequency varying from 2 to 5 times per week.

French Immersion is a French language program with the goal of developing functionally bilingual students through teaching most of the curriculum with French as the language of instruction. The program is offered at YK1 from Kindergarten (Early French Immersion) to Grade 12. French Immersion is also offered as an optional user-pay pre-kindergarten program (4 years old) at École J.H. Sissions School.

Intensive French is a French language program involving a period of intensive exposure to French (70 % of one half of the Grade 6 year and 25% for the remaining half). Intensive French does not focus on curriculum content areas as a means to develop the language, rather, the program is rooted in authentic communication as the goal of instruction. It is a neurolinguistic approach to second language learning, deep rooted in literacy and focuses on learning processes.

The Intensive French program continues with strong French instruction in the following years (Post-Intensive French). By the end of the Grade 12, it is expected that students who learned French through Intensive and Post-Intensive French programs, will be able to communicate orally with spontaneity in French and be able to understand a variety of texts (ie. Newspaper, simple research), if students follow the suggested pathway.