

# FRENCH IMMERSION AND EXTENDED FRENCH

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GCI is one of the Waterloo Region District School Board's two designated French Immersion High Schools and therefore has the authority to grant a French Immersion or Extended French Certificate.

### Who should consider French Immersion or Extended French?

Students considering French Immersion or Extended French should enter grade 9 at GCI from an established elementary school French Immersion Program and be prepared to encounter course materials at the Academic Level. Students with a Francophone background, or coming from a French first-language school will also be eligible for the program.

### Why consider French Immersion or Extended French?

Enrolling in a French Immersion or Extended French Program will allow students to continue and complete the immersion language program they experienced in elementary school.

Fluency in French will assist students who enter bilingual or French post-secondary programs. A heightened cultural awareness and expanded employment and travel opportunities are also significant benefits.

### What is the difference between French Immersion and Extended French programming at GCI?

French Immersion and Extended French students at GCI are enrolled in the same French and French-language classes and follow the same curriculum. One difference resides in the number of credits completed by the end of a chosen program:

- The French Immersion Program requires students to complete **ten** courses in the French language prior to graduation.
- The Extended French Program requires students to complete **seven** courses in the French language prior to graduation.

Students typically earn two to four French credits in grade 9 and three French credits in grade 10. The remaining credits are selected by students to fit their timetables in grades 11 and 12. An Extended French or French Immersion Certificate is granted to students upon completion of the program.

