## **Frequently Asked Questions About French Programs**

## What is the difference between Core, Extended, and Immersion French?

- Number of hours of accumulated instruction in French
- Program delivery
- Language fluency/proficiency at the end of each program

**Core French** provides students with fundamental communication skills and an understanding of French language and culture. By the end of grade 12, students will be able to participate in straight-forward French conversations, read and understand a variety of written passages, and understand the general meaning of French spoken aloud. **Grade 9 Core French is a mandatory credit.** Students may take up to 4 Core French courses in high school.

**Extended French** (a form of French Immersion) develops students' French language knowledge and skills and an understanding and appreciation of francophone culture. Students will be able to converse freely on familiar topics, read a variety of familiar and unfamiliar texts, and be able to function in a French-speaking community. The Extended French Certificate requires students to complete **7 courses in French** (4 Language Arts courses and 3 optional French courses).

**French Immersion** develops and refines students' ability to communicate in French, and expands knowledge of the language through study of Francophone literature. Students will be able to participate easily in conversations and discussions, take college/university courses taught in French, and accept employment where French is the working language. The Immersion French certificate requires completion of **10 French courses** (4 Language Arts courses and 6 optional French courses).

## Who should take Core French or Extended/Immersion French?

Students who are enrolled in the Core French program in grade 8 should take Core French courses in high school. Students who are enrolled in the Immersion French program in grade 8 should enroll in either Extended French or Immersion French. *All French programs are offered at the both Applied and Academic levels*.

## **Destination Schools for French Immersion Students:**

If Your Home School Is	French Immersion is offered at	Extended French is offered at	Enriched Academic French is offered at
KCI	@ KCI	@ KCI	-
WCI	@ KCI	@ WCI	-
SJAM	@ KCI	@ KCI	@ SJAM