



Late French Immersion Program Relocation

Background

The Vancouver School District’s Late French Immersion program is for students in grades 6-7. The District program is currently offered at Gordon Elementary and Secord Elementary.

The program is intended for non-French speaking students who wish to develop a high level of proficiency in French. Students are eligible to enter the program in Grade 6, and when they complete Grade 7, they have the option of continuing in French Immersion at secondary school.

Relocation details

The Vancouver School District provides students with the best educational programs possible.

With the objective to maintain program enrolment and increase equity of access to the program, the District is initiating a phased relocation of the program from Gordon Elementary to Trafalgar Elementary and Douglas Elementary, in the 2021/22 school year. The program at Secord Elementary will not be affected by this process.

- The program relocation is due to catchment enrolment pressure at Gordon Elementary, which is unable to enrol all of its catchment students in kindergarten. Further enrolment growth is forecast for the Gordon catchment. The District prioritizes the enrolment of in-catchment students over children who live outside of the catchment, including those enrolled in District programs.
- Trafalgar and Douglas Elementary both have sufficient space to accommodate a cohort of Late French Immersion students. A phased relocation of the program to these two sites will help maintain current enrolment in the program and increase equity of access to three sites across the District.
- Further, in providing an opportunity to enrol in Late French Immersion at Douglas Elementary, the District is increasing the geographical reach of the program by establishing a site in the south east vicinity of the District.
- Current Gordon Elementary students will continue their Late French Immersion program until they complete Grade 7 (June 2022). This will provide stability for the students and their families.

	Gordon	Trafalgar/ Douglas
School year: 2020-2021	Grade 6, 7	Planning for 2021-2022
School year: 2021-2022	Grade 7	Grades 6
School year: 2022-2023	Phased out	Grades 6, 7

The District is committed to providing clear, timely and transparent information about the program relocation. Families have been informed of and are invited to attend a virtual information session about the process and submit questions and comments via a survey.

Online information session: Wednesday, October 7, 2020 at 5:00 pm.

Survey: A survey will be available October 7 – 21 to share comments and questions with the District.

For more information visit: [GoVSB.ca/Late-French](https://www.vsb.ca/Late-French)