

# I love LFI because...





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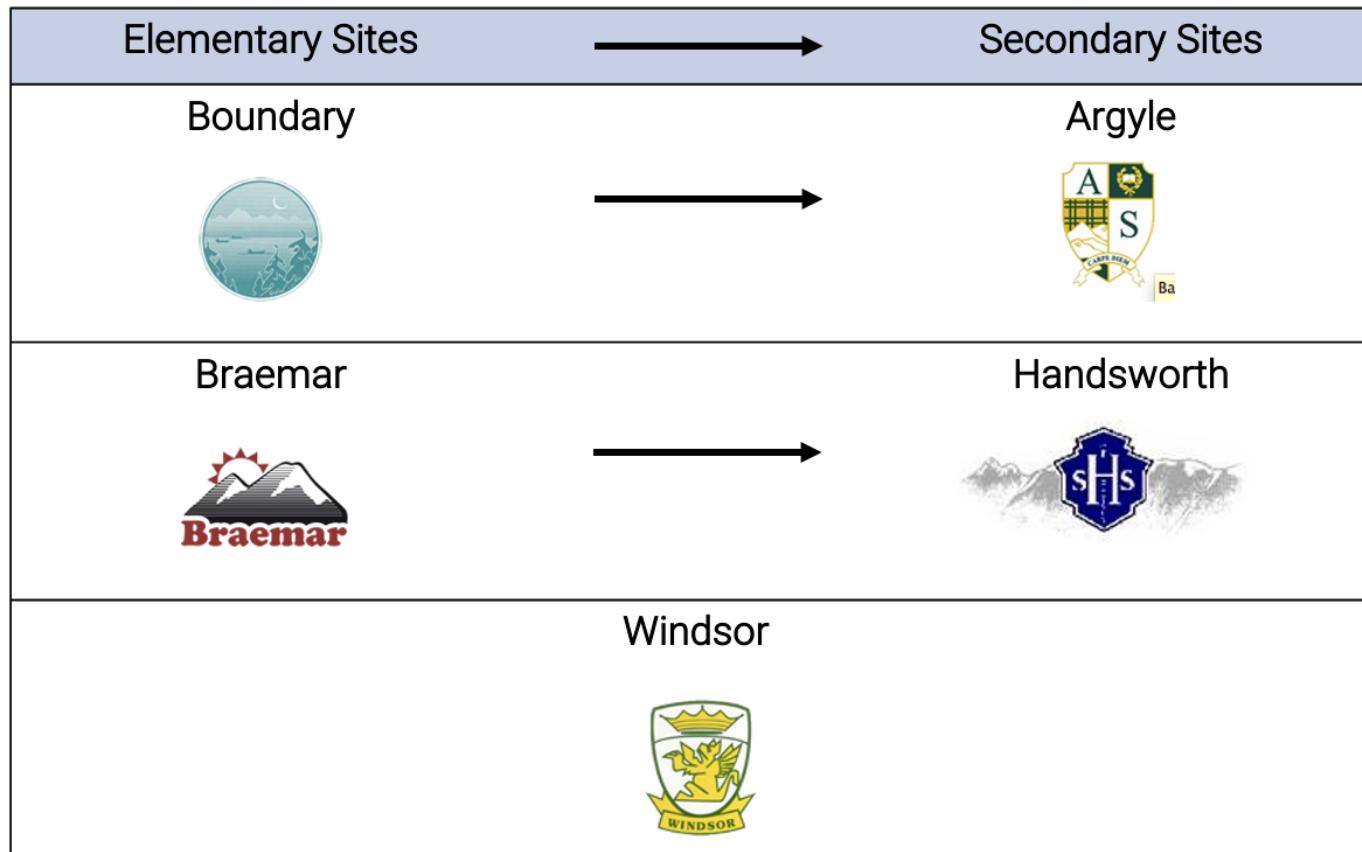
# North Vancouver School District Late French Immersion (LFI) Information Presentation

# What is French Immersion?

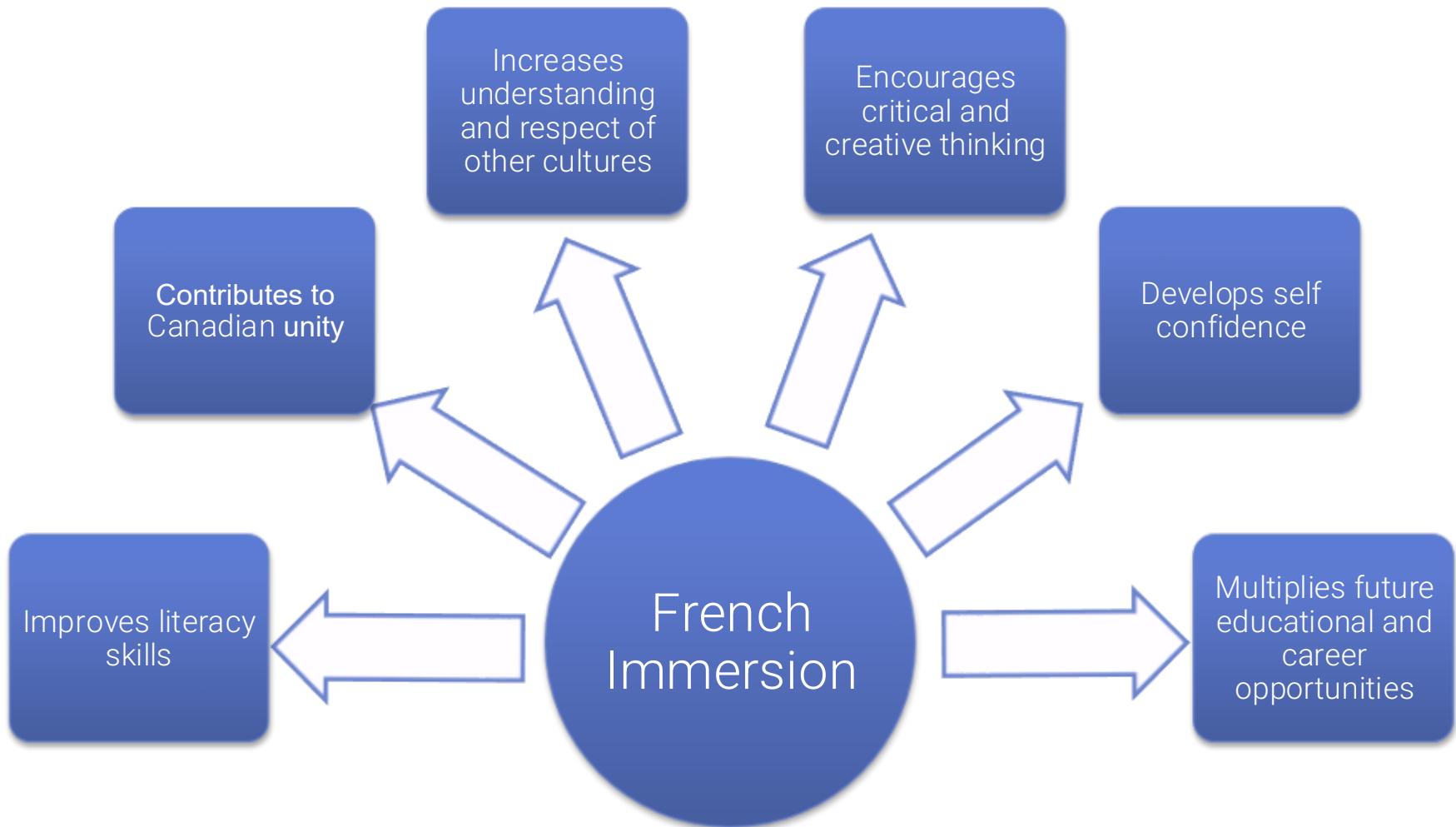


- A well-researched program
- Promotes functional bilingualism
- Taught across Canada since 1978
- Late French Immersion was introduced in North Vancouver in 2002
- More than 2,500 students enrolled in French Immersion across the District
- 2 entry points in North Vancouver (Kindergarten EFI and Grade 6 LFI)

# Late French Immersion Schools



# Why French Immersion?



# Characteristics of LFI



- Intensive and challenging 2 year program
- Follows the same BC curriculum as in English
- Students join their Early French Immersion peers in secondary school (Grade 8)
- Goal → Functional Bilingualism by the end of grade 12



# Percentage of Instruction



Grade 6 LFI:  
100% French  
Instruction

Grade 7 LFI:  
80% French  
instruction

# Grade 6 Late French Immersion



## Term 1:

We're getting started!  
Most of the emphasis is on  
acquiring basic vocabulary and  
building a sense of community

## Term 3:

We're more comfortable  
learning in French and are  
starting to speak "unscripted."

## Term 2:

We're gaining  
confidence and working more on  
other subject areas.

## Term 1:

Picking up where we left off in grade 6 by fostering community with an emphasis on taking risks and becoming more comfortable listening and speaking in French.

## Term 2:

We're developing our confidence communicating (both orally and written) in target language by expressing opinions using taught vocabulary.

## Term 3:

Working toward our French Immersion goal of being functionally bilingual – speaking, listening and reading in French independently.

# How to make the decision



They have made the decision to join late French Immersion themselves

They are highly motivated to learn a new language

They are willing to take risks and are open to change

They are willing to develop solid study skills and habits

They have acquired a solid base in English or another language

They enjoy working in groups and building community

# What if I don't speak French?



Very few FI parents  
speak French

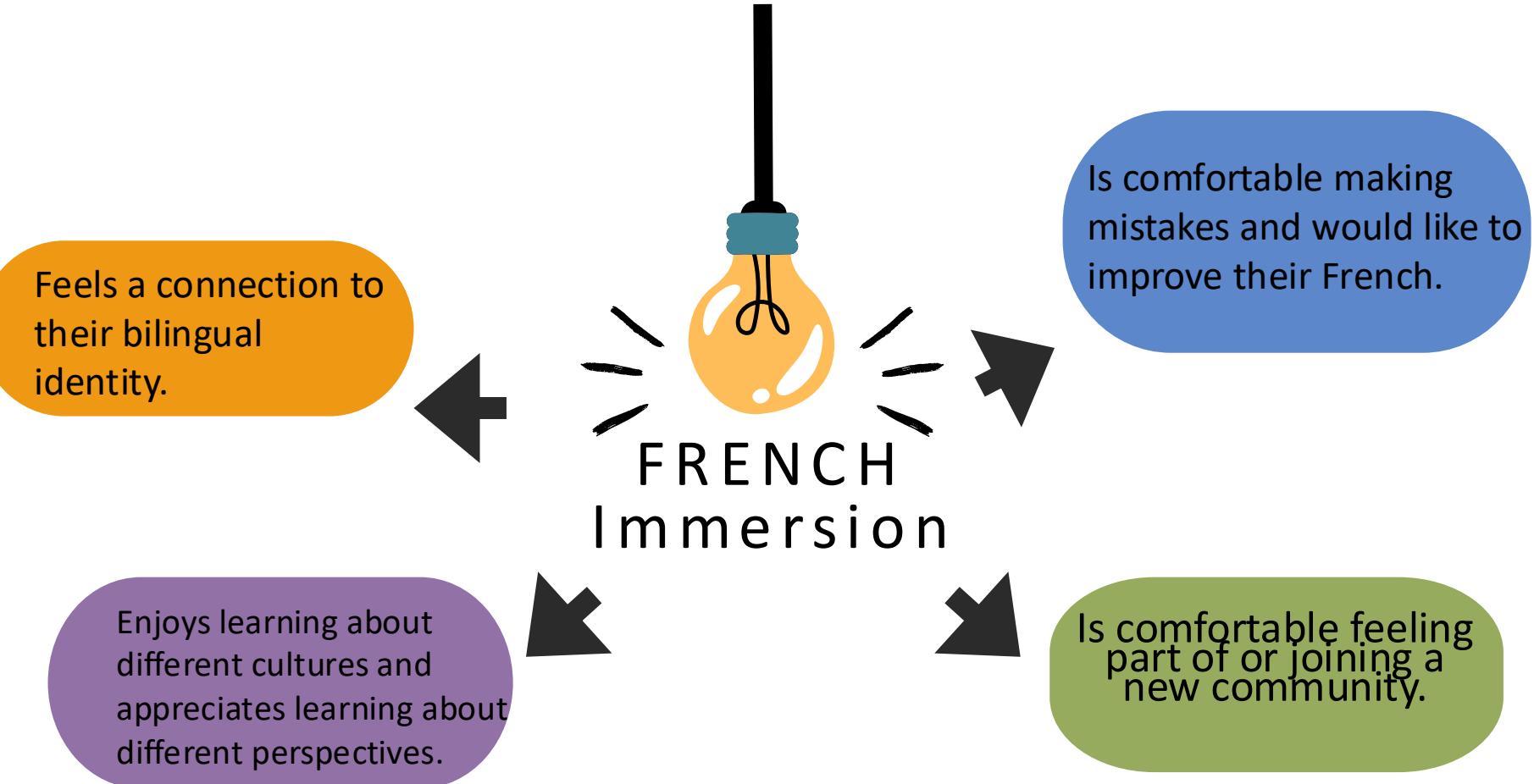
Encourage  
First/Home  
Language Literacy

Promote  
multiculturalism and  
cultivate an open  
mind to new ideas

Learn alongside your  
child

Bring French into  
your home/explore  
French cultural  
opportunities

# Characteristics of an Ideal Bilingual



# Admission of Students to Schools - Policy 605



## **Priority for Placement of Students in Late French Immersion (Grade 6 entry), District Program:**

Priority 1	siblings enrolled in a North Vancouver School District French Immersion program, either in an elementary or secondary school.
Priority 2	All remaining North Vancouver School District students
Priority 3	Out of District – placed at the end of the process.

# Process



- [Transfer Request Form](#) (for current NVSD students) to be submitted directly to the Central Registration Office (2121 Lonsdale Avenue – [appointment needed](#))
- Students not currently enrolled in a North Vancouver District school will need to fill out a new [Registration Form](#) online
- Application window: January 2 – March 13, 2026
- Late French Immersion is a district program (no catchment areas), parents indicate first and second choice on the registration form
- Remaining spaces are determined by lottery (Policy 605)
- Letter will be sent prior to the end of April 2026 informing you of your placement

# Past Applicant Numbers



# Registrants for 58 spaces (2x29)	Applications
2019	80
2020	72
2021	78
2022	49
2023	59
2024	71
2025	67



Questions?

French Immersion Questions?

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Registration Questions?

Please check the website. [www.sd44.ca](http://www.sd44.ca)