



Carson Graham IB World School Language Policy

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Philosophy:

Carson Graham Secondary recognizes the strong educational benefits associated with learning an additional language, both as a response to the cultural and linguistic diversity of the province of British Columbia and to the increasing globalization of our world. Language learning, including English, modern languages, indigenous languages, and mother tongue languages, develops international understanding, reinforces cultural identity, enhances personal growth, and promotes effective communication and positive risk taking.

We believe that all teachers are teachers of language. Carson Graham teachers use a variety of instructional strategies that integrate listening, speaking, reading, visual interpretation, and writing skills, and that respond to students' varied backgrounds. This focus continues to be supported by the school district's focus on literacy and the success of our Literacy 44 District Curriculum.

Applicable IBO Standards:

Standard A: Philosophy

Standard C: Teaching and Learning

See [IB Programme Standards and Practices](#) document

Student's Roles and Responsibilities:

- to maintain and value their own mother tongue language and to value the first languages of other students
- to develop a love of language and literature in all tongues and work to develop fluency in more than one language

Teacher's Role:

- to understand that language is taught by all faculty and students should have opportunities to read and write across the curriculum
- to apply a balanced program of instruction including listening, speaking, reading, writing, viewing and presenting
- to teach language as a tool for communication in the context of various subject areas

Parents' Roles and Responsibilities

- to be aware of the school's language policy and to support students in the development of mother tongue language and language acquisition

Procedures and Practices:

Carson Graham provides opportunities for all students to study in multiple languages. We adhere to the guidelines set forth by the International Baccalaureate and require that students move through the phases of their language acquisition course before attempting to learn in a different language. For a complete list of course offerings, visit the [Carson Graham course programming](#) page.

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