

# INTRODUCTION

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This handbook for parents and students outlines graduation requirements for Manitoba High School students (Senior Years).

As we all know, it is important that our education system meet the needs of our students in a changing world. With this in mind, a number of opportunities are available for students to choose courses that are of interest to them while at the same time keeping core courses common to all.

High School students can earn credits for compulsory and optional courses, locally developed courses, distance education courses, post-secondary courses (college and university) and others such as community service.

## **This Record for parents and students includes:**

- the French Immersion Senior Years School Program
- graduation requirements for Manitoba students
- choices for students
- a checklist for parents and students to record the credits earned in the French Immersion Program. This checklist should be kept as a record as the student progresses through high school.

Parents play an important role along with guidance counsellors, teachers and administrators, in helping their children choose the direction of their high school program. By working together we can help students make good choices.

For further information on course outlines and course descriptions or to check course choices with your school's guidance counsellor, contact your school or school division.

## **Notes**

- In this document, the term “parents” refers to both parents and guardians and is used in recognition that, in some cases, only one parent may be involved in a child's education.
  - The Senior Years covers Senior 1 to Senior 4 (formerly Grades 9 to 12).
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# SCHOOL PROGRAMS

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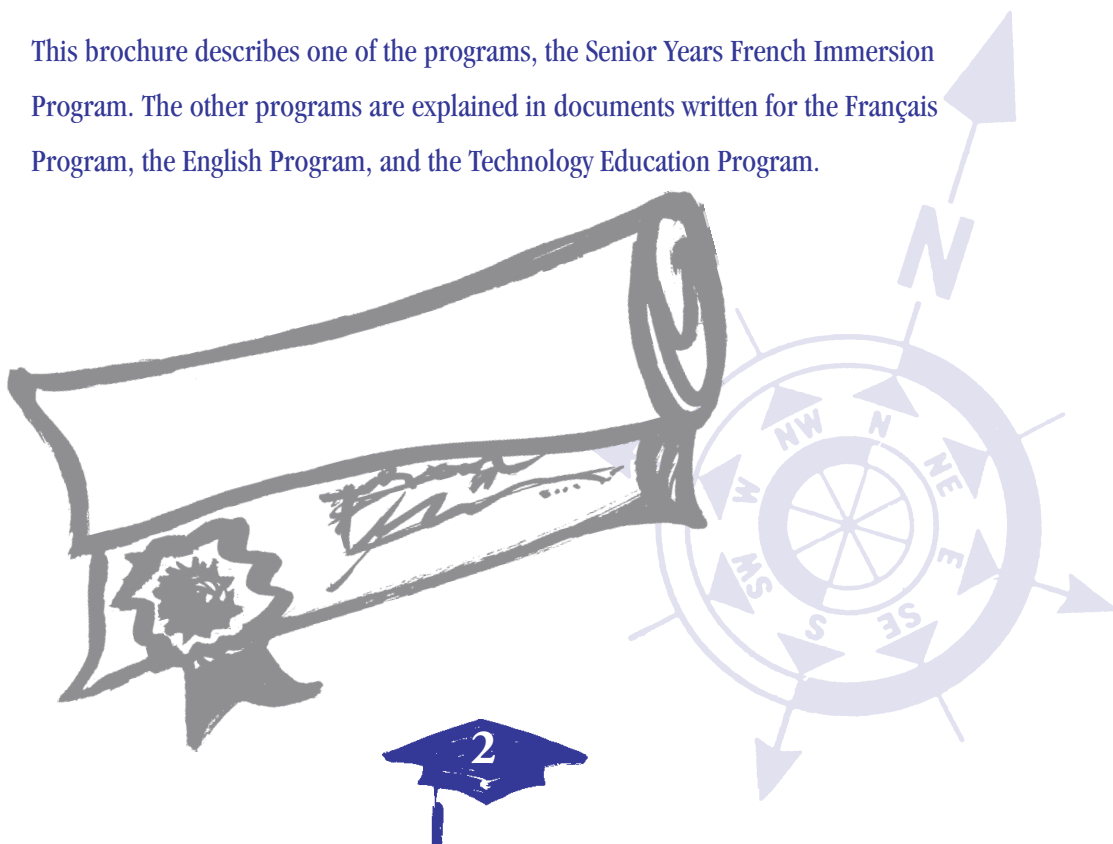
From grades 1 to 8, students do not earn credits. At Senior 1 (formerly grade 9), students begin to earn credits, 28 of which are required for graduation at the conclusion of Senior 4 (formerly Grade 12). Four school programs are offered in Manitoba.

A school program is a set of courses leading to one of the following school diplomas:

- High School Diploma (French Immersion Program), diplôme d'études secondaires (programme d'immersion française)
- High School Diploma (English Program)
- Diplôme d'études secondaires (Français Program)
- High School Diploma (Senior Years Technology Education Program)

Attaining one of the four school program diplomas requires satisfactory completion of 28 credits including compulsory and optional subject areas.

This brochure describes one of the programs, the Senior Years French Immersion Program. The other programs are explained in documents written for the Français Program, the English Program, and the Technology Education Program.



# HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA

## French Immersion Program

To meet the requirements of this program, students must complete 28 credits from Senior 1 to Senior 4. Of the 28 credits, a **minimum of 14 credits from courses taught in French** is required to obtain the provincial diploma in French Immersion.

- In Senior 1, a minimum of 4 credits at the Senior 1 level is taught in French.
- In Senior 2, a minimum of 4 credits at the Senior 2 level is taught in French.
- In Senior 3, a minimum of 3 credits at the Senior 3 level is taught in French.
- In Senior 4, a minimum of 3 credits at the Senior 4 level is taught in French.

Students must complete **19 compulsory credits** from Senior 1 to Senior 4.

These are:

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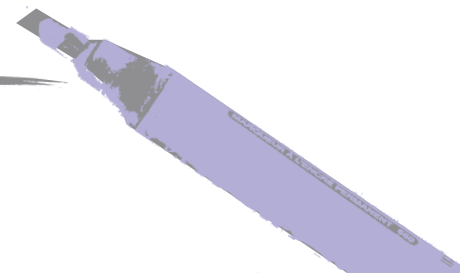
- Français langue seconde – immersion - 4 credits
- English Language Arts – Immersion - 4 credits
- Mathématiques (Mathematics) - 4 credits
- Sciences humaines (Social Studies) - 3 credits
- Sciences de la nature (Science) - 2 credits
- Éducation physique et Éducation à la santé (Physical Education/Health Education) - 2 credits

Students must complete **9 optional credits** from Senior 1 to Senior 4. At least one optional credit must be at the Senior 3 level and at least one optional credit must be at the Senior 4 level. Optional credits can include:

- courses based on department curricula
- School-Initiated Courses (SICs)
- Student-Initiated Projects (SIPs)
- dual credits (university and college courses taken during the Senior Years)
- distance learning
- community service
- Special Language Credit Option
- Private Music Option

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*Please note that some schools and some school divisions have chosen to add certain courses to the compulsory list.*



# HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA

## French Immersion Senior Years Technology Education Program

- Technology Education includes the courses found in the subject areas of business and marketing education, industrial arts, vocational industrial arts and home economics.
- Many students take courses related to this Senior 1 to Senior 4 program to meet part of their optional credit requirements for graduation.
- Certain students may wish to pursue a full Senior Years Technology Education Program and complete **8 to 10 Technology Education credits** from within an approved Senior Years Technology Education Program cluster, e.g., Power Mechanics. A cluster of technology education courses must be an approved group of department developed and/or approved courses, which facilitate the transition from school to work.
- For more information on the Senior Years Technology Education Program, please contact your school division.

