

THE SENIOR YEARS - A RECORD OF GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS
FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS

A TIME TO KNOW
WHICH DIRECTION TO GO

FRENCH IMMERSION PROGRAM



INTRODUCTION

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

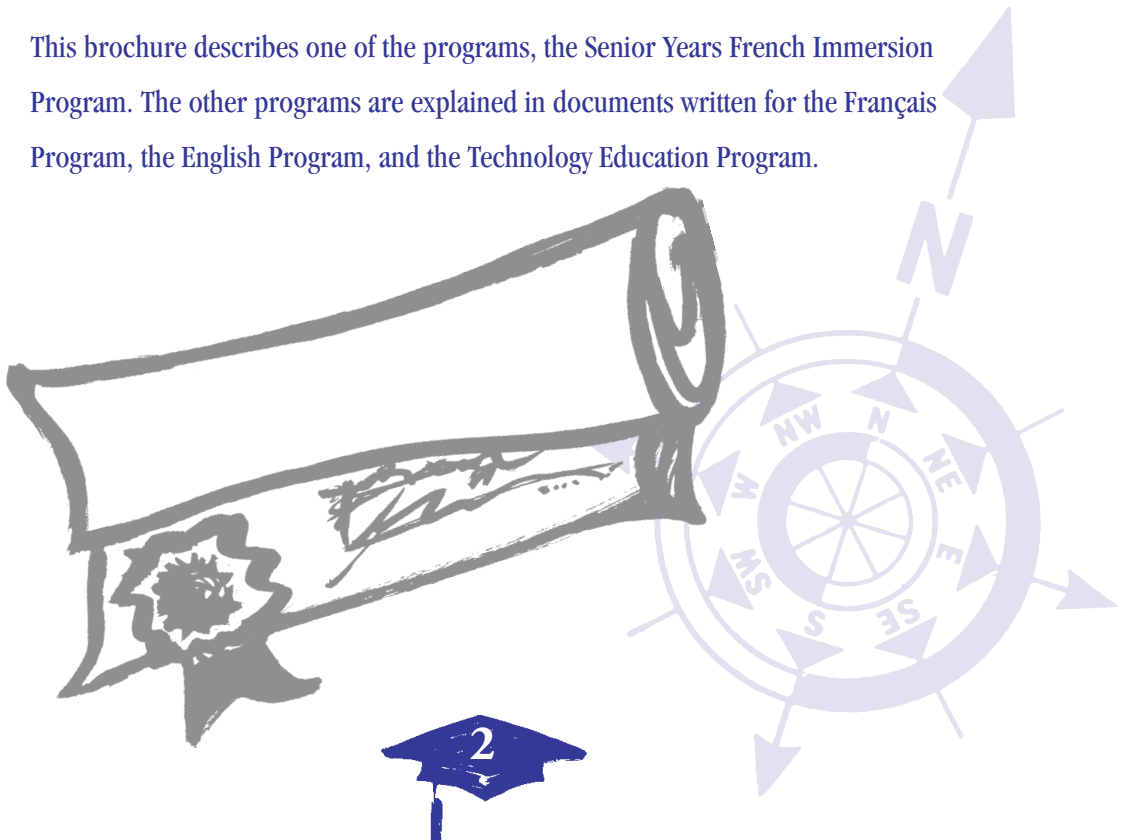
From grades 1 to 8, students do not earn credits. At Senior 1 (formerly grade 9), students begin to earn credits, 28 of which are required for graduation at the conclusion of Senior 4 (formerly Grade 12). Four school programs are offered in Manitoba.

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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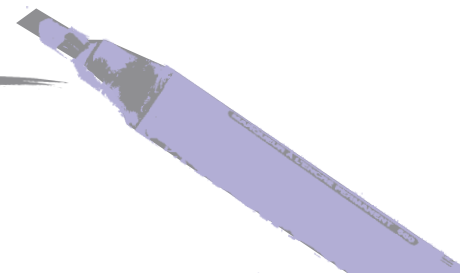
- Français langue seconde – immersion - 4 credits
- English Language Arts – Immersion - 4 credits
- Mathématiques (Mathematics) - 4 credits
- Sciences humaines (Social Studies) - 3 credits
- Sciences de la nature (Science) - 2 credits
- Éducation physique et Éducation à la santé (Physical Education/Health 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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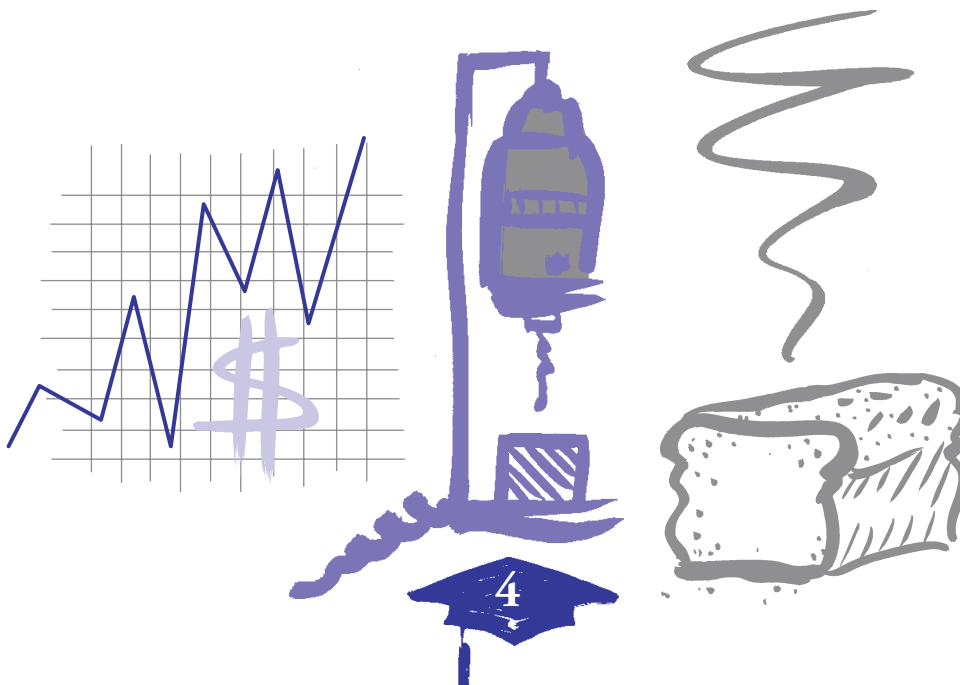
Please note that some schools and some school divisions have chosen to add certain courses to the compulsory list.



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.





CHOICES FOR STUDENTS

Optional Courses

- Province of Manitoba Optional Courses are approved courses in the areas of music, art, technology, home economics, industrial arts, languages, etc. in all grade levels from Senior 1 to Senior 4.

Locally Developed Curricula (SICs and SIPs)

- School-Initiated Courses (SICs) are curricula that have been developed and approved by schools and school divisions to meet local needs and interests of students. Student-initiated Projects (SIPs) are curriculum projects that have been developed by students based on their interests and approved by the school. Some examples of SICs and SIPs are *Leadership* (21G), *Mathématiques – Calcul* (41G), *Musique – Wind Ensemble* (31G), and *Summer Language Course* (41G).
- Many opportunities are provided for SICs and SIPs, including sharing of such courses across the province. Students can select a maximum of 11 SICs and up to 3 SIPs across their Senior Years. Schools are encouraged to consult with parents and other community members about their SIC and SIP offerings.

More information on SICs and SIPs and registration forms can be found at:

http://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/ks4/policy/sics_sips.html

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CHOICES FOR STUDENTS...CONTINUED

Post-Secondary Credits and Senior Years (Dual Credits)

- Senior Years students may take college and university courses for Senior Years graduation credits, for example, Introduction to Psychology (university course) and Safety in the Workplace (college course).
- The student receives a high school credit as well as a university/college credit.
- Students can earn a maximum of five dual credits.
- The decision to participate is a school or school division decision, and funding is also a local matter.
- Parents need to consider that some courses at the post-secondary level may not be accepted equally by all of Manitoba's post-secondary institutions or those beyond Manitoba.

Please refer to the *Guidelines for Post-Secondary Credits and Senior Years (Dual Credits)* at:

<http://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/ks4/policy/gradreq/choice-guidelines.html>

Distance Learning Courses

- Students may take compulsory or optional courses in either print or online format including courses delivered from outside the province. Two documents on distance learning were recently sent to Manitoba schools.

These documents are available online at:

http://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/ks4/docs/policy/online_learning



CHOICES FOR STUDENTS...CONTINUED

Community Service

- Students may earn one Community Service credit (in the form of a SIP) within the 28 credits for graduation.
- Credit for community service activities will be given not simply for participation in an activity, or for the amount of time spent in an activity, but for the achievement of an educational purpose.
- Guidelines for this SIP have been sent to schools. Parents are encouraged to read the guidelines and the parents' approval form for this credit at:

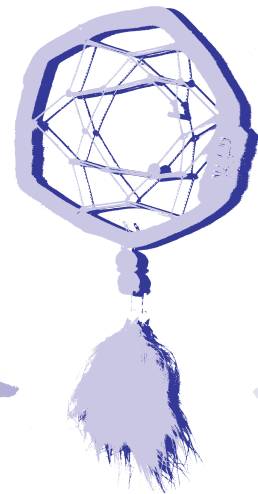
http://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/ks4/policy/gradreq/report_forms.html

Special Language Credit Option

- The Special Language Credit Option provides for the recognition of Manitoba's linguistic diversity. Students proficient in languages other than English or French are eligible. Only one special language credit may be earned at each of the Senior Years.

For further information please refer to:

<http://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/ks4/cur/diversity/langcredits/index.html>





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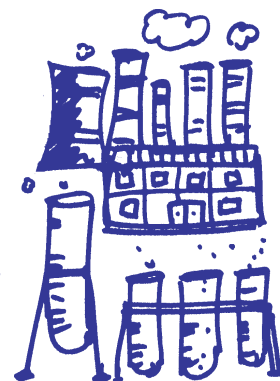
The Private Music Option

- The Private Music Option is open to students who have successfully obtained standing in the Conservatory Canada Programs or Royal Conservatory of Toronto starting at the grade level for instrument or voice. One credit may be earned at each of the Senior Years.



Substitution of Credits

- Principals may substitute a maximum of two compulsory credits within Senior 1 to Senior 4 where there is a strong case for doing so. For example, Senior 2 Art or a School-Initiated Course (SIC) could be substituted for Senior 2 Science.



Challenge for Credit

- The Challenge for Credit Option offers students the opportunity to apply prior knowledge in a particular subject area by demonstrating achievement in the learning outcomes of that course/speciality and receive credit for it.

For information on the Challenge for Credit Option refer to:

http://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/ks4/policy/gradreq/report_forms.html



**Graduation
Credit
Requirements**

SENIOR YEARS **FRENCH IMMERSION PROGRAM**

MINIMUM OF 28 CREDITS: 19 COMPULSORY CREDITS AND 9 OPTIONAL CREDITS (14 OF WHICH MUST BE TAUGHT IN FRENCH)

COMPULSORY CREDITS:

OPTIONAL CREDITS: See your school for complete list

SENIOR 1

Compulsory Subject Areas (6 credits)

Français langue seconde – immersion	1
English Language Arts – Immersion	1
Mathématiques / Mathematics	1
Sciences de la nature / Science	1
Sciences humaines / Social Studies	1
Éducation physique et Éducation à la santé / Physical Education/Health Education	1

SENIOR 2

Compulsory Subject Areas (6 credits)

Français langue seconde – immersion	1
English Language Arts – Immersion	1
Mathématiques / Mathematics	1
Sciences de la nature / Science	1
Sciences humaines / Social Studies	1
Éducation physique et Éducation à la santé / Physical Education/Health Education	1

SENIOR 3

Compulsory Subject Areas (4 credits)

Français langue seconde – immersion	1
English Language Arts – Immersion	1
Mathématiques / Mathematics	1
Sciences humaines / Social Studies	1

SENIOR 4

Compulsory Subject Areas (3 credits)

Français langue seconde – immersion	1
English Language Arts – Immersion	1
Mathématiques / Mathematics	1

9 credits from subject areas such as:

- Français (additional courses for credit)
- English LA-Immersion (additional courses for credit)
- Mathématiques / Mathematics
(additional courses for credit)
- Sciences de la nature / Science
(additional courses for credit)
- Sciences humaines / Social Studies
(additional courses for credit)
- Other languages
- The Arts
 - Arts plastiques / Visual Arts
 - Éducation musicale / Music
 - Arts dramatiques / Drama
 - Danse / Dance
- Éducation physique / Physical Education
(Senior 3 and 4 only)
- Éducation à la santé / Health Education
(Senior 3 and 4 only)
- Vie autonome / Skills for Independent Living
- Études technologiques / Technology Education
 - Formation professionnelle industrielle /
Vocational Education
 - Économie familiale / Home Economics
 - Affaires et commercialisation / Business and
Marketing
 - Arts industriels / Industrial Arts



Others as initiated by the school or student, including post-secondary credits (dual credits) and community service

- Students should ensure that they meet the entrance requirements of the post-secondary education (college or university), training, or work situation they intend to pursue.
- Within the optional subject areas, students must complete one Senior 3 credit and one Senior 4 credit.
- School-Initiated Courses (SICs) and Student-Initiated Projects (SIPs) may be used to fulfil the graduation requirements within the optional credits to a maximum of 11 and 3 respectively. Depending on the different requirements of four school programs, the number of possible SICs used as optional credits may vary.

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



CHECKLIST: SENIOR YEARS FRENCH IMMERSION PROGRAM

**MINIMUM OF 28 CREDITS: 19 COMPULSORY CREDITS AND 9 OPTIONAL CREDITS
(14 OF WHICH MUST BE TAUGHT IN FRENCH)**



*Have you earned the necessary credits to receive your diploma?
Complete this two-part process in order to find out.*

PART 1

- Indicate with “**FR**” courses completed in the French language toward the French Immersion Program Diploma
- Indicate with “**EN**” courses taken in the English language
- Add up the number of “**FR**” and “**EN**” entries in each **row** (compulsory and optional) from left to right and indicate this total in the last column (where applicable).
- Calculate the sum of the last column to ensure a minimum of 28 credits for graduation.

19 COMPULSORY CREDITS	S1	S2	S3	S4	Total S1 to S4
Français langue seconde – immersion					4
English Language Arts – Immersion					4
Mathématiques / Mathematics					4
Sciences humaines / Social Studies					3
Sciences de la nature / Science					2
Éducation physique et Éducation à la santé / Physical Education/Health Education					2
					19

9 OPTIONAL CREDITS	S1	S2	S3	S4	S1 to S4
List courses					
One optional credit must be at the Senior 3 level					
One optional credit must be at the Senior 4 level					
1					
2					
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					9
TOTAL PROVINCIAL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS					28



PART 2

Remember that to meet the requirements of the French Immersion 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.

How to determine if you have the required number of courses taught in French:

- Calculate a sum for “**FR**” courses in each of S1, S2, S3, and S4 columns on the previous page.
- Ensure that a minimum of 14 credits (compulsory and optional) come from courses taught in French and are distributed as such:
 - in Senior 1, a minimum of 4 credits from courses taught in French;
 - in Senior 2, a minimum of 4 credits from courses taught in French;
 - in Senior 3, a minimum of 3 credits from courses taught in French; and
 - in Senior 4, a minimum of 3 credits from courses taught in French.
- Indicate the sum for “**FR**” courses at each grade level in the spaces provided in the following table.
- Add up these 4 results and write the total in the last column.



	S1	S2	S3	S4	Total
To obtain the provincial diploma in French Immersion, students are required to complete a minimum of 14 credits from courses taught in French	(min. of 4)	(min. of 4)	(min. of 3)	(min. of 3)	(min. of 14)

Do you have at least 28 credits earned from S1 to S4? _____

Of those 28 credits, have 14 credited courses been taught in French? _____

Are those 14 credits distributed as required? _____



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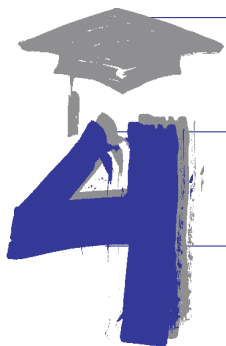


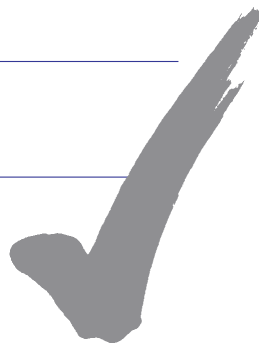
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