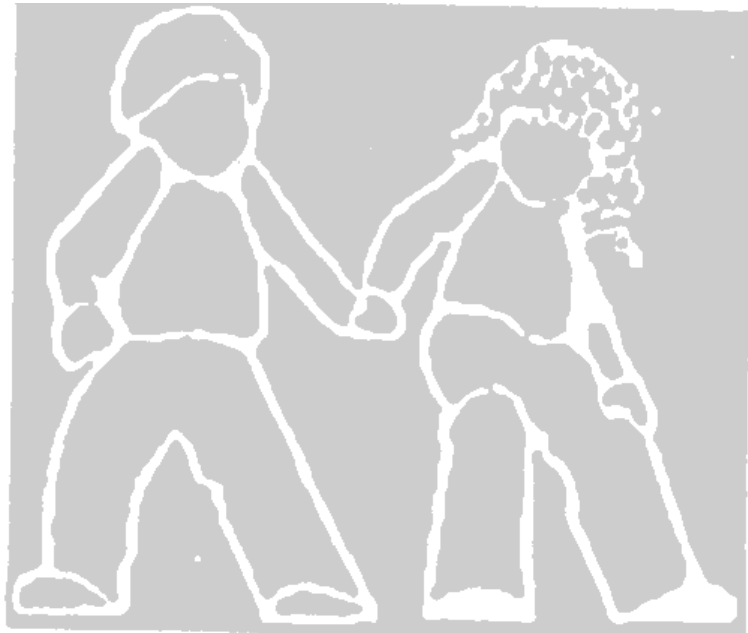


# French Immersion Program Information 2021/2022



# What is French Immersion?

- ✓ It is an opportunity for non-French speaking students to develop a high level of proficiency in both official languages of Canada as a Kindergarten to grade 12 educational program.
- ✓ French immersion has a long and successful history in Canada. The first program opened in the late 1960s.
- ✓ Students enrolled in French Immersion study the same B.C. curriculum as students in the English-language program.
- ✓ It is a fun, effective and challenging way to learn French at an early age.
- ✓ It provides an opportunity to participate in rich French cultural learning experiences.

# French Immersion Programs

## Early French Immersion Program

The Program begins in Kindergarten and continues through Grade 12. Although entry is recommended at the Kindergarten level for Early Immersion, it is possible for a student to enroll at the beginning of Grade 1 if there are places available. In Kindergarten, English may be used at the outset to establish routines. After this, English is used only if necessary in exceptional circumstances, as instruction takes place in French. Early Immersion provides students the opportunity to transition to French Immersion in secondary for Grades 8-12.

# French Immersion Programs

## Late French Immersion Program

The Program begins in Grade 6. Best suited for those students in Grade 5 who:

- enjoy Core French
- have demonstrated good development in English Language Arts
- are seeking an academic challenge

In Late French Immersion classrooms, English may be used at the outset to establish routines, but after this, English is used only if necessary in exceptional circumstances, as instruction takes place in French. Late French Immersion provides students the opportunity to transition to French Immersion in secondary for Grades 8-12.

# How much French instruction will there be?

Grade	% of French Instruction	% of English Instruction
K-(2 or 3)	100	0
(3 or) 4-7	80	20
8-10	50 - 75	25 - 50
11-12	no less than 25	no more than 75

# Registration Procedures

Registration Period for 2021/2022 opens February 1

For students currently *not* registered in a Burnaby school (Kindergarten and elementary students new to Burnaby):

## Step 1

Complete the **Online Preliminary Registration** for your neighborhood catchment school. Your catchment school may not necessarily offer a French Immersion Program, but you will need to register your child for their catchment school first. As of February 1 the Online Preliminary Registration can be found at the following web address <https://burnabyschools.ca/registration/>

## Step 2

In addition to the Online Preliminary Registration and the required documents for new students, the **Online District Language Program Application** needs to be completed. The Online District Language Program Application will be available as of February 1 at the following web address <https://burnabyschools.ca/french-immersion/>

*Online Preliminary Registrations and Online District Language Program Applications received after February 28<sup>th</sup> will be considered late and will be prioritized after the on-time applicants have been prioritized.*

# Registration Procedures

Registration Period for 2021/2022 opens February 1

**For students currently registered in a Burnaby school (Applications for Grade 1 or Late Immersion):**

For students currently registered in a Burnaby school, please complete the **Online District Language Program Application**. The Online District Language Program Application will be available as of February 1 at the following web address <https://burnabyschools.ca/french-immersion/>

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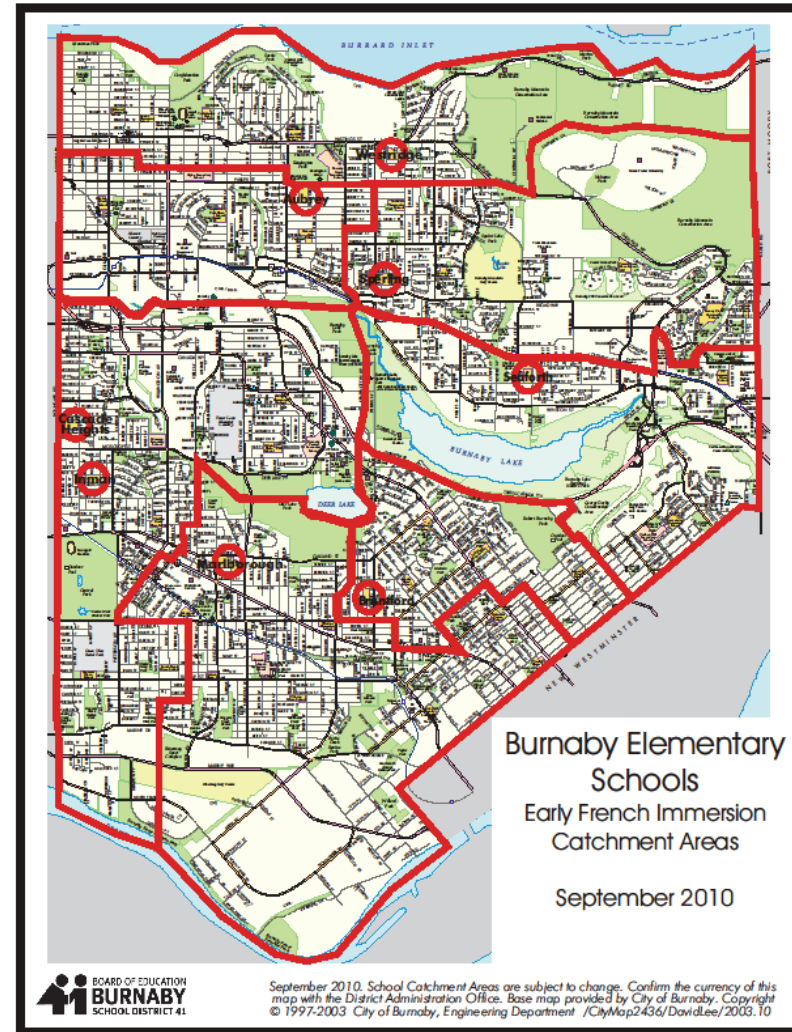
# Early French Immersion Catchment Areas

The following schools are dual track schools that also offer Early French Immersion Programs (Kindergarten to Grade 7):

1. Aubrey
2. Brantford
3. Cascade Heights ( G4-7)
4. Inman (K-3)
5. Marlborough
6. Seaforth
7. Sperling
8. Westridge

To identify your Early French Immersion catchment school, please check the map found at the following link:

[https://burnabyschools.ca/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/elementary\\_efi.pdf](https://burnabyschools.ca/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/elementary_efi.pdf)





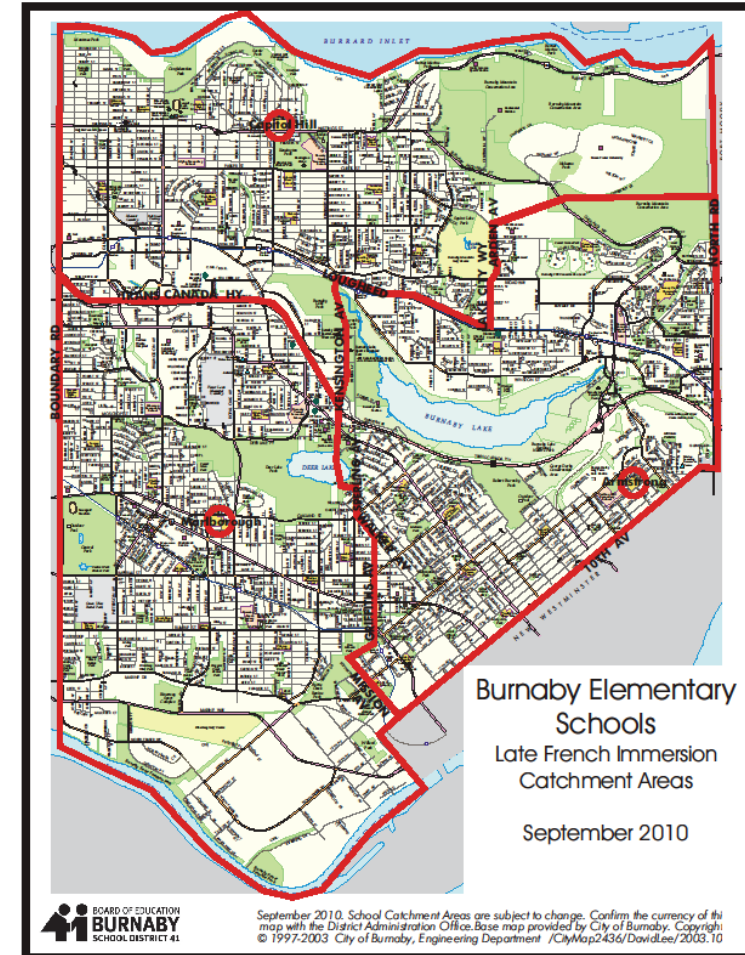
# Late French Immersion Catchment Areas

The following schools offer Late French Immersion Programs that begin at grade 6:

1. Armstrong
2. Capitol Hill
3. Marlborough

To identify your Late French Immersion catchment school, please check the map found at the following link:

[https://burnabyschools.ca/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/elementary\\_lfi.pdf](https://burnabyschools.ca/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/elementary_lfi.pdf)



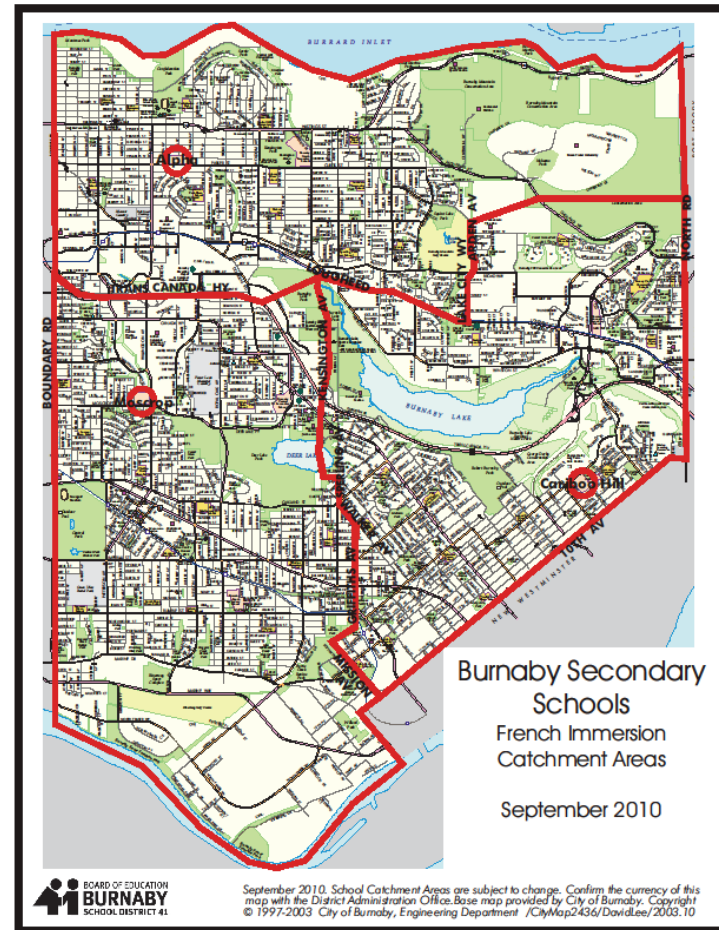
# Secondary French Immersion Catchment Areas

The following schools offer a Secondary French Immersion Program (Grade 8 to 12):

1. Alpha
2. Cariboo Hill
3. Moscrop

To identify your Secondary French Immersion catchment school, please check the map found at the following link:

[https://burnabyschools.ca/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/secondary\\_fi.pdf](https://burnabyschools.ca/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/secondary_fi.pdf)



# Things to note ...

- On the online District Language Application Form, you may apply to more than one program, selecting the programs for which you are applying for in priority order.
- The program is generally filled to capacity at Kindergarten and also at Grade 1.
- Placement is not conducted on a first come first serve basis.
- To determine placement, the district lottery process is followed.

# Placement Categories

## Language Programs Lottery

In early March, District staff will follow the lottery process for all applications received for Early Immersion (Kindergarten and Grade 1), as well as Late Immersion (Grade 6). Through the lottery process, students are placed into Early and Late Immersion Programs. The following are the priority placement categories starting with category 1:

### Category 1.

Siblings of continuing District Language program students who are in catchment

### Category 2.

Students whose residence is within the district's catchment area for that program

### Category 3.

Siblings of continuing students in the district program - residence outside catchment

### Category 4.

Students in licensed childcare- in catchment

### Category 5.

Students residing in Burnaby - outside catchment

### Category 6.

Students residing outside Burnaby school district

# An Example ...

- An elementary school has 40 spaces available at the kindergarten level.
  - 24 Category 1 students have applied
  - 10 Category 2 students have applied
  - 20 Category 3 students have applied
- All Category 1 & 2 students are accepted. The other categories go through the lottery process and the top 6 numbers in Category 3 are offered a place. The other category 3 students, as well as those who are in the later categories, are placed on the waitlist.

# Waitlists

As our programs often receive more applications than available space, students unsuccessful in their application will be placed on a waitlist which is reviewed through the following process:

1. Students who were not selected will be placed on a waitlist.
2. If a spot becomes available, a verification email is sent to secretaries and principals indicating specific students to be contacted by the schools.
3. Waitlists are reviewed regularly up until September 30<sup>th</sup>. After that time there will be no further movement during the school year.

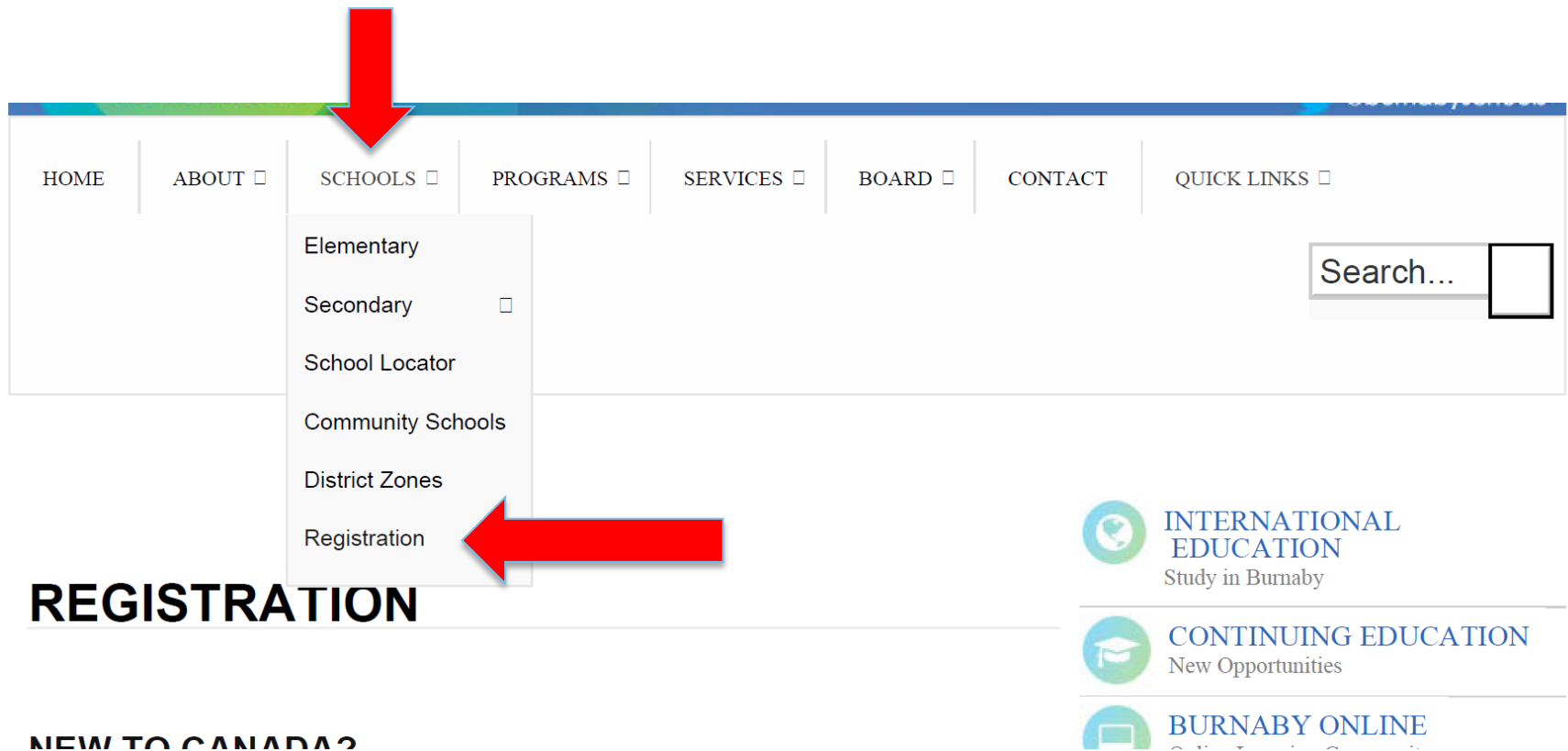
# Timeline

The French Immersion school where the student will be offered a place will contact their successful applicants by March 12, 2021.

French Immersion schools will also contact unsuccessful applicants by March 12, 2021. These applicants will then be placed on a waitlist.

# Registration Info on District Website

<https://burnabyschools.ca/registration/>



The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the Burnaby Schools website. The menu items are: HOME, ABOUT, SCHOOLS, PROGRAMS, SERVICES, BOARD, CONTACT, and QUICK LINKS. A red arrow points down to the 'SCHOOLS' menu item. A dropdown menu is open under 'SCHOOLS', listing: Elementary, Secondary, School Locator, Community Schools, District Zones, and Registration. A second red arrow points left to the 'Registration' option. To the right of the navigation bar is a search box labeled 'Search...'. Below the navigation bar, the page content includes a 'REGISTRATION' heading, a 'NEW TO CANADA?' heading, and three service tiles: 'INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION Study in Burnaby', 'CONTINUING EDUCATION New Opportunities', and 'BURNABY ONLINE'.



# Additional information about Programs and Placement

For additional information about the French Immersion program, and some responses to frequently asked questions, please visit the District's information page at:

<https://burnabyschools.ca/french-immersion/>

For information about placement priorities, please visit:

<https://burnabyschools.ca/placement-priorities-district-language-programs/>

# Additional Questions

If, after reading the presentation materials and information posted on the District Website, you still have questions about the registration process, please email:

[Registration@burnabyschools.ca](mailto:Registration@burnabyschools.ca)