

The Students

- ✓ Students are fluent in French, and some study a third or fourth language.
- ✓ Students can matriculate to foreign universities.
- ✓ Students are prepared to bridge the gaps between cultures and communicate more effectively with people from diverse backgrounds.
- ✓ Students have the ability to live and work in French-speaking communities.
- ✓ Students are prepared for international careers.
- ✓ Students complete 50 of the 100 community service hours in French.

Pouvoir lire, écrire, parler et même penser en français m'a donné une manière complètement nouvelle de regarder mon milieu. J'ai gagné une compréhension de la culture française, ce qui m'aide à apprécier les différences entre ma culture et d'autres.

The ability to read, write, speak, and even think in French has given me an entirely new way of looking at my surroundings. I have gained an understanding of the French culture, which helps me to appreciate the differences between my culture and others.

—K. Fender

Ce que j'ai appris avec L'Immersion Française n'était pas seulement une autre langue. Maintenant je vois que, à cause du pouvoir des langues, j'ai appris une autre façon de voir le monde, pour mieux le comprendre, et afin de mieux le changer.

What I have learned through French Immersion is not just another language. Now I understand that because of the power of languages, I have gained another way to view the world, in order to better understand and better help to change it.

—S. Newton



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Eugene International High School

French Immersion Program

Mission Statement:

As global citizens at Eugene International High School, we aspire to value diversity, ambiguity, and discovery— and to act with responsibility, integrity, and compassion.



French Immersion in Eugene IHS at South Eugene High School is distinguished as one of the few public immersion high schools in the United States and is nationally recognized for academic excellence.

Eugene International High School is the winner of the 2008 Goldman Sachs Foundation prize for Excellence in International Education

The Program

In June of 1994, the first students completing twelve years of a French Immersion Program graduated from Eugene International High School on the South Eugene High School campus. The French Immersion Program is a unique magnet program, focusing on students developing fluency and using French in interdisciplinary studies which culminate with the International Baccalaureate and Advanced Placement curriculum.

French Immersion is a rigorous program in which students complete as much as 50% of the course work over twelve years in French. Students complete their studies using the same grade level textbooks as students in France. In oral and written fluency, most French Immersion students already perform at levels equivalent to university-level French majors.

Achievement

French Immersion students have demonstrated exceptional commitment and perseverance in this challenging program. In the National French Exam our students have dominated state awards on the advanced levels of the exam. They have brought Eugene International High School and South Eugene High School recognition for top French instruction in Oregon.

In addition, many French Immersion students sit for the International Baccalaureate Higher Level French examination as seniors and score above the international mean.

Eugene International High School - French Immersion Course Descriptions

GRADE 9

GÉOGRAPHIE MONDIALE EN FRANÇAIS*
(Global Geography-French Immersion)

GLOBAL LITERATURE

GLOBAL HEALTH

CULTURAL AESTHETICS *(when course is offered)*

GLOBAL HEALTH PROJECTS *(when course is offered)*

GLOBAL INDEPENDENT PROJECTS *(when course is offered)*

EXPRESSIONS ORALES ET ÉCRITES
(Classe de langue avancée: grammaire, expression orale et écrit-French grammar and language arts)

Courses in mathematics, science, language, PE, and electives through the host campus, South Eugene High School

GRADE 10

L'HISTOIRE GLOBALE*
(Global History-French Immersion)

GLOBAL LITERATURE AND THE ARTS

COMPARATIVE VALUES AND BELIEF SYSTEMS

GLOBAL INDEPENDENT PROJECTS *(when course is offered)*

LE MONDE FRANCOPHONE
(Etude du monde francophone à travers ses oeuvres littéraires et sa culture. A study of the cultures and literature of the French-speaking world.)

Courses in mathematics, science, language, PE, and electives through the host campus, South Eugene High School

GRADE 11

HISTOIRE DES AMÉRIQUES* (IB)
(History of the Americas)

LITERATURE OF THE AMERICAS (IB)

COMPARATIVE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC SYSTEMS (IB)

ADVANCED INDEPENDENT PROJECTS

AP FRENCH LANGUAGE

Courses in mathematics, science, language, PE, and electives through the host campus, South Eugene High School

GRADE 12

20th CENTURY GLOBAL HISTORY (IB)

20th CENTURY GLOBAL LITERATURE (IB)

THEORY OF KNOWLEDGE (IB)

EXTENDED ESSAY (IB)

SERVICE À LA COMMUNAUTÉ (IB)

AP FRENCH LITERATURE

Courses in mathematics, science, language, PE, and electives through the host campus, South Eugene High School

* Classes given in French

(IB) – International Baccalaureate Curriculum

Students must also complete 150 hours of CAS (Creativity, Action, and Service) over the course of their junior and senior years; 50 of the service hours must be in a French setting.