

January 5, 2021

Bonjour Dear Families!

School District 8 Kootenay Lake offers a **Late French Immersion Program** for students in both Creston and Nelson! French Immersion is a vibrant program of choice, and we are beginning our information and registration process for the 2021-22 year.

Our district program is delivered at the following schools: Canyon-Lister Elementary in Creston, and Trafalgar Middle School and LV Rogers Secondary School in Nelson.

We invite you to participate in the virtual information sessions being offered to see if French Immersion is right for your child!

Please see program overviews below.



Nelson Program

All students who have successfully completed Grade 5 and are residents in Kootenay Lake School District 8 are eligible. The program is located at Trafalgar Middle School for Grades 6-9, and continues for Grades 10-12 at LV Rogers Secondary School beginning in 2021-22.

Each year, up to 60 students are accepted into the Grade 6 Late French Immersion Program, with a lottery draw held if necessary.



Virtual Information Family Night: Tuesday, January 19th from 6:30 - 7:30 pm PST ([register here](#))

Creston Program

All students who have completed Grade 4 and are residents in Kootenay Lake School District 8 are eligible. The program is located at Canyon-Lister Elementary school for Grades 5-7 as a multi-age language program for the 2021-22 year. The current class size configuration is up to 27 students.



Virtual Information Family Night: Wednesday, January 20th from 6:30 - 7:30 pm MST ([register here](#))

Program Registration Process



Program registration for *both* Creston and Nelson area French Immersion programs **begins at 9am on Thursday, January 21st via a digital registration form that will be forwarded to families.** The link to the form will be sent out, along with a recording of both virtual information nights, to all Grade 4-6 families in Creston, and all Grade 5 families in Nelson and area. Priority for admission into the Creston program will be given to Grade 5 students, though all students in Grades 5-7 are eligible to apply at this time.

Registration closes Thursday, February 18th at 4pm.

An email notice will be sent to all families who applied by the deadline on Monday, February 22nd indicating program enrollment status. *SD8 will not be calling or sending letters to notify families- all correspondence will be via email.*

*In the event there are more than 60 applicants, names are drawn by lottery. The first 60 names drawn will be offered a seat; the remaining names will be put on a waitlist in the order in which they are drawn. Out of district applications and late applications are not included in the lottery- they will be considered in September, pending available space.

Applications received after the closing date will be subject to Policy 461, School Choice & Catchment:
<http://www.sd8.bc.ca/Policy/461SchoolChoice&Catchments.pdf>.

Application inquiries may be directed by email to Nona Lynn, Learning Innovator, Innovative Learning Services, SD8 Kootenay Lake at nona.lynn@sd8.bc.ca.

Thank you, and we look forward to seeing you at the Information Nights!

