

# Extended French at ACS

STARTING IN SEPTEMBER 2020



## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Assumption College High School is pleased to offer the Extended French Program in September 2020. Over the course of their high school career, students will complete seven credits in which the language of instruction is French. This is a viable pathway for students coming from the French Immersion Program and/or the Core French Program in which they have accumulated 1260 hours of French instruction or equivalent. This program will provide opportunities for students to speak and interact in French in a variety of real-life and personally relevant contexts. Students will further develop their understanding and appreciation of Francophone culture in Canada and around the world.

## PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Students must register for all seven Extended French courses offered in order to participate in the Extended French Program. There will be four French language courses in addition to three courses that will be taught in French.

The Grade 9 additional course taught in French will be Healthy Active Living (Physical Education). Presently, we are planning Careers and Civics in Grade 10 and World Religions in Grade 11. (These courses are subject to change).

## WHAT QUALIFICATIONS WILL STUDENTS ACQUIRE UPON GRADUATION?

Upon completion of the Extended French program, students will receive an Extended French certificate. In addition, students are encouraged to challenge the DELF (Diplôme d'études en langue française) in order to receive an internationally-recognized certificate in French proficiency. This certification will be of great benefit to students as they continue on to post-secondary studies, work and travel.

## WHAT IS THE DELF?

The DELF (Diplôme d'études en langue française) is a certification of French-language abilities for non-native speakers of French and is internationally-recognized. The DELF examination consists of 4 parts: listening, reading, writing and speaking. The DELF is offered at the BHNCDSD for Grade 12 FSL students in May.

DELF certificates are valid for life and do not expire.

## FRENCH EXPERIENCES BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Throughout the school year, ACS French students will have the opportunity to participate in a variety of cultural activities outside of the classroom. The French Club promotes speaking opportunities in a friendly and welcoming environment. French club activities include exploring Francophone culture, preparing and sampling authentic food and listening to guest speakers while fostering new friendships with other language learners.

## TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES

Students have the opportunity to travel to Quebec City during the Winter Carnival in February to explore Québécois culture and heritage. Every other year, students may choose to participate in the France and Italy trip during the March Break.

