

## EXTENDED FRENCH CLASS TRANSPORTATION

Extended French transportation at the secondary level is limited to the following arrangements:

Students residing in the Twin Lakes area may use regular secondary school bus transportation, if within the bus zone, subject to the bus loading policies of the Simcoe County District School Board.

Students residing outside the Twin Lakes area may access a commuter route to Twin Lakes from another secondary school in Orillia subject to the following limitations:

- the student must be eligible for bus transportation to the transfer school.
- no new bus stop will be created on the route that takes the student from home to the transfer school; the student must use the closest existing stop on the route.
- use of the bus to the transfer school depends upon space being available on the existing service.
- continuation of the commuter service is subject to an annual review by the board.

### **WHAT A STUDENT HAS SAID ABOUT THE PROGRAM:**

Coming into grade nine, one of our guidance counsellors told me that the Extended French program was really something special - only now do I fully understand why. It's not just the fact that we can speak French; I can honestly say that being in this program was the best thing that could have happened to me in high school! Because year after year we have the same students in our French classes, we are really able to develop a close relationship with each other. Being with the same students provides a very comfortable environment because everyone is there to support you. This is one part of high school I will never forget.

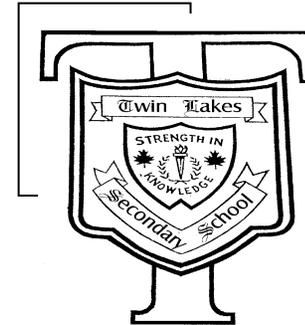
### **TWIN LAKES SECONDARY SCHOOL "STRENGTH IN KNOWLEDGE"**

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# **TWIN LAKES SECONDARY SCHOOL**

## **Extended French As A Second Language Program**



**The Simcoe County District School Board**

## PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

An Extended French program provides opportunities for students to develop greater fluency more quickly and gives special attention to the development of French communication skills.

### **The successful student:**

- can participate in conversation and discuss topics with confidence in French.
- can read and write with the occasional help of a dictionary or word reference.
- can understand radio, television news, internet, and other programs that are of personal interest.
- can absorb information about the culture, society, customs, economy, government and institutions of the francophone world.
- could function very well in a French community after a short residence.
- may experience enhanced employment opportunities.
- may have greater access to post secondary school programs.

## THE CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION

Students in the extended French program will have already completed some of their courses in French at the elementary level. They will receive a Certificate of Completion from the Simcoe County District School Board when they acquire **seven** credits in subjects taught in French at the secondary level; at least one of the credits must be at the senior level.

## ADMISSION

Priority is given to students promoted from SCDSB Extended French classes. Subsequent places will be determined through an application and selection process.

## SECONDARY PROGRAM

While at Twin Lakes, students will take **four courses in Extended French and three additional courses taught in French**, including:

- Grade 9 – Canadian Geography
- Grade 10 - Canadian History
- Grade 11 - Interdisciplinary Studies

Students will spend 25% of their timetable in French language instruction.

The Grade 9 course (Extended French Language Arts) includes reading novels and a variety of assignments designed to deepen the students' knowledge of spoken and written French.

**Students are supported in their efforts to use only French in class at all times.** Supplementary reading, book reports, journals and oral presentations form integral parts of the course. All activities either in the classroom or out of the classroom are planned to enable the student to improve his/her communication skills.

Teaching strategies will be very similar to those used where the same subject is taught in English.

All courses follow the curriculum guidelines of the Ministry of Education, the same as those used in the regular English program.

## CULTURAL OPPORTUNITIES

Students will also be encouraged to take advantage of a variety of opportunities to interact with their French-speaking peers through exchanges, summer programs or travel.

Three month exchanges are available to Quebec, France, Belgium or Switzerland. Also, year-long exchanges are open to students interested in studying abroad.

Overseas field trips are also planned on a regular basis and offer the opportunity to get an exciting and educational view of other languages and cultures.