

FRENCH IMMERSION UPDATE

(February 7, 2017)

The School District received a total of 121 applications for the French immersion program (this includes 4 out of district applicants).

The Superintendent of Schools approved the formation of 3 divisions of up to 28 students for the Grade 6 French Immersion program for September 2017 at KVR Middle School and 1 division of up to 28 students at Summerland Middle School. This class size of 28 students corresponds to the recent Supreme Court of Canada decision that restores class size numbers from the previous contract.

The 117 “in-district” applications of the 121 total applications will be entered into a random selection process with names drawn to fill the 84 spaces at KVR Middle School and 28 spaces at Summerland Middle School, for a total of 112 spaces. The remaining 5 applicants will be placed onto a waitlist. The draw will be held at the School District office on Thursday, February 9, with the Assistant Superintendent and District Principal of District Programs and Curriculum, and 2 members of the Okanagan Skaha Canadian Parents for French conducting the draw. Notification of the results of the draw will be mailed to individual applicant families.

A random draw will also be conducted for the 4 “out-of-district” applicants to determine their position on the wait list.

Applicants will need to confirm their acceptance of placement by April 14, 2017.

Any applications received after the deadline will be placed on the wait list as space becomes available and in date / time order.