



**Mlle. Vlassova Explore
2007 Jonquière, PQ**

Explore Program

**Grade 11-12 French
Students
(Core and Immersion)**

Explore is an educational exchange program administered by the Council of Ministers of Education, Canada and funded by the Department of Canadian Heritage to promote bilingualism in Canada. Recipients of the bursary will undergo a 5 week exchange in select francophone regions completing coursework and leisure activities...all in French, of course!



YMCA Summer Work Student Exchange

**Students 16-17 years
of age
(Core and Immersion)**

The YMCA Summer Work Student Exchange is a unique national exchange program that brings together youth from various communities across the country. Participating youth, aged 16 and 17, have the opportunity to improve their second official language skills, and gain important employment experience through a work placement while on their exchange.



Experiential Learning at BCSS



**Don't limit your
learning to the
classroom!
Practice French
this summer
through these great
experiences for
Grade 10-12**





FAQs

How can I support my child in French Immersion if I don't speak French? Several community organizations provide French support for students such as the YMCA. Many programs are unknown to the public and even overlooked by the French community. The best part is many of them provide bursaries and awards to reduce the cost to students and parents!

Where can I find external supports to expose my child to French throughout the summer?

The GTA region has a vibrant francophone community offering countless services to support young francophones. Organizations such as Alliance Française Mississauga, and Glendon College (YorkU) offer programming in French to keep your child's French skills sharp. Also various Universities across Québec offer 4-week immersive programs.

Why are immersion experiences so important for second language learners?

There is no replacement for living in the language. Many second language speakers make their most significant improvement living in the language in authentic settings.

Learn French beyond the classroom in stunning locations like Vieux Québec through Canadian bursary programs!

Explore by Heritage Canada

With the official status of two official languages, the Canadian government spends millions supporting bilingualism in Canada. Heritage Canada organizes the Explore program, which is accessible to all Canadians completing their grade 11 school year. The program can take you to the heart of French Canada in Quebec City, to the sprawling Acadian countryside of Nova Scotia to discover our enduring Francophone identity in Canada. The best part is the program is free! Students can participate in order to improve their abilities in French during 6 weeks of summer instruction. This unique opportunity provides them with an authentic francophone environment to immerse themselves and apply classroom instruction to their new surroundings.

National Youth Ambassador Forum

The organization French for the Future has several initiatives to support and extend the French language in Canada. During the summer they host bilingual youth from all across Canada who participate in a leadership conference called the National Youth Ambassador Forum. The students undergo weeklong leadership classes, team building activities, and event planning in order to support francophone initiatives in their own community. This opportunity will connect your child with like-minded youth from across the country! The program is only available to Grade 10 and 11 students who are available during the Conference August 9-14th. The deadline to apply is May 4th 2018