DID YOU KNOW THAT:

Note that hyperlinks access original French-language documents.

- Francophone permanent residents increased by 55 percent in Ontario between 2018 and 2019. (Le Droit - July 2020)

- According to Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC), 5,245 French-speaking permanent residents chose to live in Ontario in 2019. (ONFR+ - July 2020)

- In 2019, Francophone immigration increased for the nine provinces and three territories outside Quebec. (ONFR+ - July 2020)

- As of 2016, Ontario is home to over 622,000 Francophones. (2016)

- Twenty-six regions in Ontario are declared “Francophone,” where residents have the right to access services in French. (Services gouvernementaux en français)
  See map: https://files.ontario.ca/ofa_designated_areas_map_fr.pdf
## WHY CONTINUE IN FRENCH PROGRAMS (CORE FRENCH, EXTENDED FRENCH AND FRENCH IMMERSION) UNTIL THE END OF GRADE 12?

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| **MEDICAL** | - You might be called upon to interpret for a patient who speaks French.  
- You might be asked to interpret for a patient who does not speak English, speaks another language, but can communicate in French.  
- Continued learning of another language can also help you understand cultural nuances, regardless of the language. Having intercultural competencies will help patients feel comfort in your care. |
| **FINANCE/BUSINESS** | - You might start in a company with a higher pay structure based on having a bilingual status.  
- You might be assigned to work with a specific region that uses French to communicate.  
- Continued development of FSL beyond Grade 12 allows you to learn sector specific language which can help with marketability within a company or sector. |
| **RETAIL/SERVICE INDUSTRY** | - You might be able to build a regular client base by providing services in French.  
- Word of mouth throughout a community can result in new customers seeking local businesses where they can obtain service in French  
- Continued spontaneous interaction outside of the classroom allows you to build your confidence. |
| **TOURISM** | - You might find that during your post secondary studies you work in a region that is designated a tourist destination in Ontario, across Canada or abroad.  
- National and provincial parks, museums, tourist attractions, wineries and tourist attractions offer services/tours in French  
- Continued language development will not only allow you to interact spontaneously but will also give you rich vocabulary to use when giving specific information about an attraction. |
| **TRADES** | - You might find that work may take you to a region where French is the language most used (i.e., Ice Storm - Eastern Ontario).  
- You might find that some of your colleagues may have moved to your region to gain work, speaking French allows for better collaboration  
- Continued use of French beyond Grade 12 allows you to communicate with a greater breadth of people and could result in mobility within a company. |