

Quebec Educational System

Quebec has two school boards: English and French. Red Leaf generally works with the English school board. To enter a French immersion program or a French school, a student's French must be almost fluent.

DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS

Secondary education in Quebec starts at age 12 and finishes at age 16-17; in effect, there are just 11 grades in the combined primary and secondary school systems, and students go to college for two years to complete their education before attending university.

The fourth and fifth years of secondary education lead to the Secondary School Diploma awarded by the Ministry of Education. Some final exams in these years are administered by the Ministry.

HIGH SCHOOL SCHEDULING SYSTEM

The school year runs from approximately August 25 to June 23 for a total of 182 days. It is divided into three terms, and subjects take an entire year to complete. As a guideline the student should have passed all subjects and have an average of at least 65%. The student should not have failed more than one core subject, (French, English, Mathematics) and not more than two other subjects. Holidays consist of two weeks at Christmas and seven days in late February or early March.

To receive a Secondary School Diploma or a Diploma of Vocational Studies, students must have the following credits, a student must have accumulated 54 credits including the following compulsory credits in secondary IV (Grade 10) and V (Grade 11):

Secondary V: Mathematics or secondary IV credits for course determined by the Ministry of comparable difficulty

Secondary V: Language instruction (French or English) Mathematics

Secondary V: English language arts or French language arts

Secondary IV: Physical Science

Secondary IV: History of Quebec and Canada

To be eligible for CEGEP (College d'Enseignement General et Professionnel) for post secondary education admission, a student must also have succeeded in Grade 10 Physical Science and Grade 11 Mathematics.

Note:

Please be advised that it takes a full academic year (10 months) to earn academic credits in Quebec.

Education in Quebec

http://www.mels.gouv.qc.ca/gr-pub/m_englis.htm