



French Language Education in Alberta | French Immersion

☰ What do I want my child to achieve?

Information on French immersion education in Alberta. French immersion is a successful approach to second language learning due to its unique learning environment where French is used as the language of instruction for several or all subjects other than English Language Arts.

What are the benefits for my child?

After completing the French immersion program, your child will:

- be fluent in French;
- be proficient in English;
- be able to live, work and pursue post-secondary studies in French, English, or both languages;
- be part of and have an understanding and appreciation of Francophone cultures;
- be able to appreciate other languages, cultures and communities in Canada and around the world.

What is the learning environment like?

- French is used as the language of instruction for a significant part of each school day; several or all subjects are taught in French except the English Language Arts course.
- French Immersion programming begins with an intensive period of French language development. Students build a foundation in French so that they can learn to read and begin their studies in other subjects, such as math, science, social studies, the fine arts, etc. School and extra-curricular activities in French may be used to support the development of language skills and cultural appreciation.
- The language of communication between home and school is English.

Which program is best for my child?

French immersion is intended for a child whose first language is not French.

In what grade can my child start learning French?

- Many schools offer early French immersion beginning in Kindergarten or Grade 1.

- Some schools also offer late French immersion beginning in Grade 6 or Grade 7.

What about English learning?

- Students registered in the French immersion programming follow the same English Language Arts program of studies as all other Alberta students.
- The development of reading and writing skills is the same in both languages. Once learned, these skills transfer easily from one language to the other.

What else should I know?

- All courses taken by French first language, French immersion, and FSL students follow Alberta Education's program of studies.
- After learning more than one language, your child will have a greater ability to learn additional languages.

Links

What do I Want for My Child? Links for French Language Education in Alberta - French Immersion

Canadian Parents for French

Canadian Parents for French (CPF) is the national network of volunteers which values ...

[\(http://ab.cpf.ca/\)](http://ab.cpf.ca/)

Support Documents

Includes information for parents to support French Immersion, and the Handbook for French Immersion Administrators for developing a French Immersion program.

 **Yes You Can Help! (393 KB)**

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Information and Inspiration for Parents of French Immersion Students

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 **Handbook for French Immersion Administrators (2014) (6,455 KB)**

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This document offers valuable information for developing a thriving French Immersion program.

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