

BILINGUAL INSTRUCTION: FRENCH IMMERSION

Background

French Immersion is a program of studies in which French is the language of instruction for a significant part of the school day. All subjects are taught in French (except the formal study of English). French Immersion is designed for students whose first language is not French. The objective of the program is full mastery of the English language, functional fluency in French, as well as an understanding and appreciation of the French culture.

The existence of a French Immersion Program represents an educationally sound alternative program that is available to the children of parents who wish to take advantage of such a program.

Procedures

1. The Board approves operation of a French Immersion Program for grades kindergarten to 9 in the Division when numbers warrant. In addition, the Board authorizes maintenance of French Immersion Program offerings at grades 10-12 when numbers warrant.
2. French Immersion Program Guidelines
 - 2.1 In kindergarten to grade 9, French will be the language of instruction except in designated subjects as follows:
 - 2.1.1 Grade 1 – Religion.
 - 2.1.2 Grades 2 to 8 – Religion and English Language Arts.
 - 2.1.3 Grade 9 – Religion, Practical Arts and English Language Arts.
 - 2.1.4 Grade 9 – Complementary courses where the unavailability of suitable French resources exists.
 - 2.2 In grades 10-12, French will be the language of instruction in a minimum of two (2) subjects, one (1) of which shall be French Language Arts.

Reference: Section 6, 10, 21, 45, 60, 61, 113 School Act
Section 23, Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms
Guide to Education ECS to Grade 12