

FRENCH IMMERSION

expand
their world

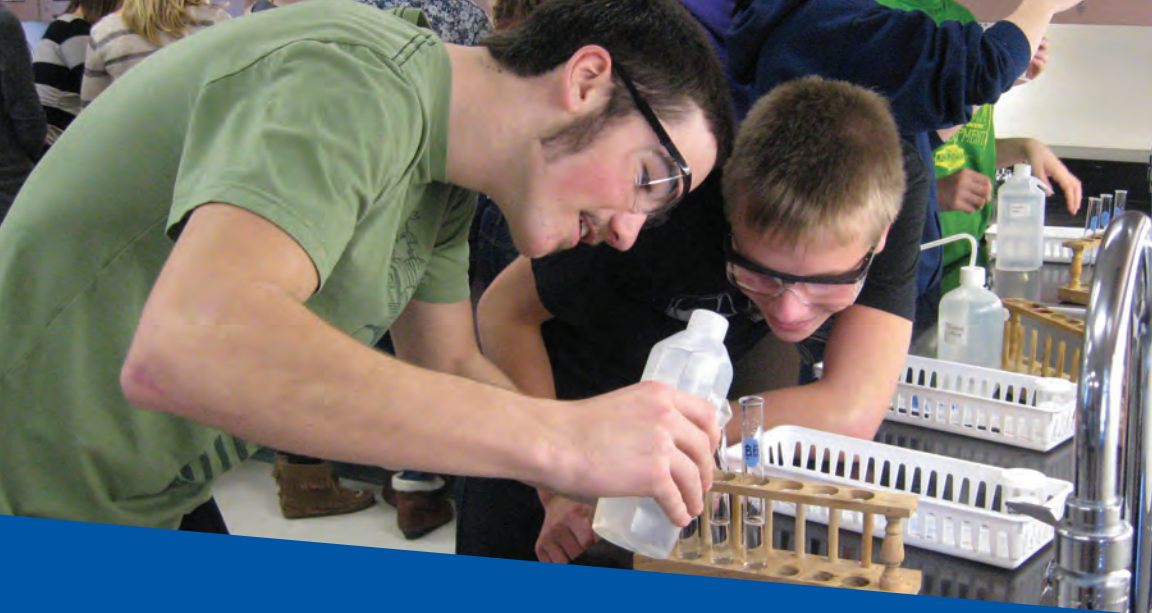
In the classroom

- French is the language of instruction for a significant part of the school day.
- Instruction is based on Alberta Education Programs of Study.
- Students engage in rich cultural and linguistic learning experiences including field trips, guest speakers, and cultural events.

French immersion is...

- A program designed for children whose first language is **not** French
- A program that typically begins in Kindergarten or Grade 1. Motivated learners may enter at later points.
- An effective way to become fluent in both languages
- A program that works best when students remain in the program until Grade 12





To have another language is to possess
a second soul.

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A Stimulating and Engaging Experience

- Students experience diverse learning methodologies and innovative technologies similar to any other program
- Students develop flexible ways of thinking
- Rich language experiences lead to enhanced creativity and critical thinking
- Students become confident learners

Expand their minds

- Children are most receptive to learning languages when they are young; they are more willing to take risks and soon learn to think and speak in both languages.
- Learning a second language helps children develop more flexible ways of thinking which leads to enhanced creativity, critical thinking and problem solving skills.

Expand their future

- Exchanges and travel
- International Language Proficiency Certification
- Scholarships and bursaries
- Post-secondary courses and programs
- Career options

Expand their communication skills

- Research has shown that a second language can significantly strengthen first language skills.
- French is spoken by 220 million people around the world.
- Learning a language builds a foundation for learning additional languages.

Expand their ability to appreciate the world

- Students learn to appreciate cultural differences and to discover similarities.
- Language learning opens up a new world of books, art, music, theatre and sports.



Three ways parents can help children at home:

- Read regularly with your child in English.
- Help make school a positive experience. Be a cheerleader for your child; applaud his/her efforts, persistence and progress.
- Expose your child to French whenever possible.

* Resources are available through **Canadian Parents for French**: cpfalta.ab.ca and Alberta Education has created a document for French Immersion parents: "Yes You Can Help!"

French Immersion programs are provided at the following schools:

Fort Saskatchewan

École Parc Élémentaire

780-988-3741

Rural Strathcona

École Élémentaire Ardrossan Elementary

780-922-2066

Ardrossan Junior Senior High/École Secondaire Ardrossan

780-922-2228

Sherwood Park

École Campbelltown

780-467-5143

Sherwood Heights Jr High

780-467-5930

Transportation

Busing will be provided to your designated French Immersion school. Please contact Student Transportation at [780-417-8151](tel:780-417-8151) for further information.

Registration

Schools begin accepting Kindergarten registrations in January for the following year. Information nights for all schools are held in the spring. For further information, contact your designated French Immersion school.

