

Guiding Principles in French Immersion

French Immersion is an official program recognized provincially as well as in the St. James-Assiniboia School Division. It is an evidence-based effective program for additional language learning. All students follow curriculum documents as developed by Le Bureau de l'éducation française (BEF). The school program is delivered primarily through French language instruction.

The St. James-Assiniboia School Division is committed to providing a quality French Immersion Program and encouraging best practices that will support French Immersion students and staff.

Students in the French Immersion program will be provided with:

- Frequent meaningful and varied authentic opportunities in which they are encouraged to communicate in French within all subject areas.
- Multiple French cultural opportunities.
- A linguistically rich environment which also fosters opportunity for deeper learning.

French Immersion teachers will:

- Follow curriculum documents as developed by Le Bureau de l'éducation française (BEF), providing instruction of all subject content, in all subject areas entirely in the target language of French (with the exception of ELA).
- Use French as the language of communication with all staff, students and school leaders at all times.
- Use practices that integrate learning the language, learning about the language, and learning through the language. Consequently, every teacher in the French Immersion program is a teacher of language with the dual task of teaching subjects in the target language and ensuring ongoing learning and sustained use of French in the classroom.
- Provide resources intended for French Immersion staff whenever possible.
- Provide resources and academic support to students in French.

French Immersion administrators will:

- Create a French Immersion setting that:
 - Provides intensive exposure to French language.
 - Provides a linguistically rich environment for students and staff.
 - Provides inclusion and appropriate support for all students, including EAL, special learning abilities, Indigenous students, and students entering French Immersion at non-traditional entry points.
 - Values and encourages the learning of languages.

The St. James-Assiniboia School Division will:

- Provide an inclusive French Immersion program, in which all students who choose the French Immersion program have an opportunity to learn an additional language.
- Provide resources and academic support to students in French.
- Actively recruit and retain French Immersion teachers and Administrators who demonstrate a proficient level of French and a commitment to the vision of French Immersion in SJASD.

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- Support teachers' commitment to French professional development opportunities whenever possible and to provide opportunities to meet with their Immersion colleagues for professional discussion or planning.
- Provide resources intended for French Immersion staff whenever possible.

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