

FRENCH IMMERSION

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

The goal of the St. James-Assiniboia School Division French Immersion Program is to empower students to become independent, lifelong, linguistic learners. In our French Immersion Program, all students have access to a culturally diverse and rich linguistic environment where they learn to communicate with confidence, spontaneity, fluency and accuracy in oral and written French and English.

The Division believes that by learning French within the Immersion Program, students:

- learn an additional language without jeopardizing their first language competencies.
- transfer abilities to their first language, and therefore enhance first language proficiency and skills.
- enhance achievement in other subject areas, such as English and Mathematics.
- engage in rich deep learning experiences.
- increase likelihood of becoming plurilingual.
- increase career possibilities and lifelong opportunities.
- increase understanding of their own culture as well as those of others (intercultural awareness).
- see themselves as linguistic learners and languages as an integral part of their journey to Global Citizenship.

The Division believes in providing an inclusive French Immersion program, in which all students who choose the French Immersion program have an opportunity to learn an additional language.

The Division believes that maximizing students' exposure to French, inside and outside of the classroom, for academic and non-academic purposes, benefits students in their French language acquisition. Students are empowered to learn and use the French language in both academic and social settings.

The Division believes that immersion teachers and support staff serve as linguistic models to students, and their professional development is critical to the success of the Division.

The Division believes that staff or administrators working in the French Immersion Program share a common goal; to provide a linguistically rich, inclusive environment.

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