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French Immersion

is offered at select Elk Island Public Schools from Kindergarten to Grade 12. Instruction is based on Alberta Education Programs of Study and designed for children whose first language is not French. Typically, students begin French immersion in Kindergarten or Grade 1; however motivated learners may enter at a later point.



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Having a second language builds confidence in students and enhances creativity, critical thinking and problem solving skills.

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Learning a new language makes it easier for students to learn additional languages.

Enriched Learning Environment

French is the language of instruction for a significant part of the school day creating an environment for students to become fluent in the language. Just as they would in the English program, French Immersion students receive a high-level education with innovative technologies and learning methodologies. The program also includes field trips, guest speakers and cultural events.

A Foundation for Success

French immersion creates a foundation for students to achieve success now and in the future—providing opportunities for exchanges and travel, scholarships and bursaries, and earning an International Language Proficiency Certification.

Fluency in French may increase career options, especially in tourism, diplomatic service, politics, teaching, research, marketing and civil service. In fact, almost half of jobs at the Federal Government of Canada require applicants to be bilingual in Canada's two official languages, according to a 2017 report by the Clerk of the Privy Council.

? **What if I don't speak French?**

Parents of French Immersion students are not expected to know how to speak French.

? **Will my child's English skills suffer?**

Research has shown that a second language can significantly strengthen first language skills.

? **Why choose French?**

French is one of Canada's two official languages and is spoken by 220 million people around the world.



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Students who continue in French Immersion to graduation will see the biggest rewards and open up post-secondary opportunities.

High School and Beyond

Students may attend French Immersion through to Grade 12 at Ardrossan Junior Senior High.

Upon completion of the program, students earn a French Immersion Certificate and are prepared and encouraged to write the *diplôme d'études en langue française* (DELF B2) exam—an international diploma officially awarded by the French Ministry of Education to certify the French language skills of candidates from outside of France.

The DELF exam gives students a competitive edge when applying to French post-secondary institutions including Campus Saint-Jean—a faculty of the University of Alberta.

The campus offers a rich and varied education focused on the overall development of individuals. Offering undergraduate and master's programs, Campus Saint-Jean prepares students to take their place on the global stage.

Registration

New and returning students may apply to the French Immersion program during the registration process beginning February 1.

To determine your designated French Immersion school, visit eips.ca. For information regarding busing contact Student Transportation at 780-417-8151.

French Immersion is offered at the following schools:

FORT SASKATCHEWAN

- ▶ École Parc Élémentaire (K to 6)
ecoleparc.ca | 780-998-3741

RURAL STRATHCONA COUNTY

- ▶ Ardrossan Elementary (K to 6)
ardrossanelementary | 780-922-2066
- ▶ Ardrossan Junior Senior High (7 to 12)
ardrossan.ca | 780-922-2228

SHERWOOD PARK

- ▶ École Campbelltown (K to 6)
campbelltown.ca | 780-467-5143
- ▶ Heritage Hills Elementary (K to 6)
heritagehillselementary.ca | 780-467-7447
- ▶ Sherwood Heights Junior High (7 to 9)
sherwoodheights.org | 780-467-5930

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Contact your designated French Immersion school for more information.

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