

NEAR NORTH DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD Extended French Program



Parent and Student
Information Package

Land of Lakes Public School



VISION OF THE EF PROGRAM

“Students will communicate and interact with growing confidence in French, one of Canada’s official languages, while developing the knowledge, skills, and perspectives they need to participate fully as citizens in Canada and in the world.” (Ministry of Education, French as a Second Language curriculum policy document, p. 6)

WHAT IS THE EF PROGRAM?

- ▶ EF is a program that begins in grade 5 in the NNDSB
- ▶ EF immerses students in the French language
- ▶ EF provides dynamic and culturally-rich learning opportunities.
- ▶ EF is a “bi-literate” approach to language learning.

COMPARISON WITH CORE FRENCH

- ▶ At the end of grade 8, students will have the following minimum hours of instruction in French:
 - ▶ Core French = 600 hours
 - ▶ Extended French = 1260 hours
- ▶ **Greater intensity of time = greater language learning.**

NNDSB ELEMENTARY PROGRAM

Grades 5 & 6: 60% instruction in French
40% instruction in English

Grades 7 & 8: 50% instruction in French
50% instruction in English

SECONDARY SCHOOL PATHWAYS

Core French:

- ▶ Applied or Academic, grades 9 - 10
- ▶ Open or University, grades 11 - 12

Extended French:

- ▶ Academic, grades 9 - 10
- ▶ University, grades 11 - 12

Extended French:

- ▶ 4 credits in Extended French, grades 9 - 12

WHY CHOOSE AN EF PATHWAY?

- ▶ French = one of Canada's two official languages; it is recognized and valued as an integral component of Ontario's education system;
- ▶ Learning French strengthens English and French literacy skills;
- ▶ Learning French strengthens cognitive and metacognitive development;

WHY CHOOSE AN EF PATHWAY?

- ▶ Global market = plurilingual; to be competitive, our students need to have a second language;
- ▶ EF programs are for all students;
- ▶ EF provides greater intensity of time in French = greater opportunity for success and achievement in FSL

SUBJECTS TAUGHT IN FRENCH

Grades	Subjects Taught in French	Subjects Taught in English
5 and 6	French, Social Studies, Visual Arts, Music, Dance and Drama, Physical Education	Mathematics, English, Health, Science and Technology
7 and 8	French, History, Geography, Dance and Drama	Mathematics, English, Health and Physical Education, Science and Technology, Music, Visual Arts

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR THE PROGRAM?

ANY current grade 4 student may enroll for September in the Extended French program.

Students with Special Needs and I.E.P.s:

All students will benefit from and can experience success in the extended French program. Student IEPs will outline the supports necessary for student success .

PROVINCIAL ASSESSMENTS

Provincial Assessments:

- ▶ EQAO, elementary grade 6
 - ▶ Grade 9 Mathematics Assessment
 - ▶ OSSLT, secondary grade 10
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- ▶ **ALL** provincial assessments are written in **English**.
 - ▶ Mathematics instruction will be in English.
 - ▶ Literacy instruction will be in French and English, which research confirms strengthens first language learning.

FINAL QUESTIONS AND/OR COMMENTS

It's your turn!
Any questions?