

THE BENEFITS OF LEARNING FRENCH...



The goal of French Immersion and Extended French programs is to develop proficiency, not just in French but in English as well. The benefits of learning an additional language are now widely acknowledged to extend beyond the obvious rewards associated with bilingualism.

Positive outcomes for students in the FSL curriculum include:

- increased mental flexibility;
- improved problem-solving skills;
- a better understanding of aspects of a variety of cultures;
- a greater awareness of global issues;
- expanded career opportunities.

Students in any Grade 12 FSL course may challenge the **DELFL exam** - an internationally recognized level of French competency.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW:

French as a Second Language (FSL) Programs are delivered in English-language school boards. The FSL programs in Ontario are **Core French**, **Extended French**, and **French Immersion**. For more information about each program, refer to The Ontario Curriculum: French as a Second Language – (available at www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/curriculum/elementary/fsl18-2013curr.pdf) and The Ontario Curriculum: French as a Second Language – Core, Extended, and Immersion, Grades 9 to 12, 2014 (available at www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/curriculum/secondary/fsl912curr2014.pdf).

The Near North District School Board offers French as a Second Language (FSL) learning opportunities to students across all regions of our district.

For more information about learning French as a second language, (including program locations and registration information) please visit our website:

www.nearnorthschools.ca/programs/fsl



NEAR NORTH DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

963 Airport Road, P.O. Box 3110,
North Bay, ON P1B 8H1

[P] 705-472-8170

[TF] 1-800-278-4922

[F] 705-472-9927



Near North
District School Board

FRENCH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

The Near North District School Board is committed to providing French as a Second Language (FSL) learning opportunities to students across all regions of our district.



CORE FRENCH

Core French programs are vibrant and dynamic. They engage students in oral communication with gradual introduction to reading and writing. All NNDSB schools offer Core French programs beginning in Kindergarten. Students in the Core French Program will accumulate a minimum of 600 hours of French instruction by the end of Grade 8.

EXTENDED FRENCH

The Extended French program immerses students in the French language and culture. French is the language of instruction for a minimum of 25 per cent of the total instructional time at every grade level of the program. At the Near North District School Board, the Extended French pathway begins in Grade 5 - delivering a minimum of 1260 hours of instruction in French by the end of Grade 8 and continues to Grade 12.

Upon graduation from High School, students are eligible to receive an Extended French Certificate when they successfully complete 4 courses in French Language and 3 other courses taught in French at the secondary level.

FRENCH IMMERSION

In a French Immersion program, French must be the language of instruction for a minimum of 50 per cent of the instructional time at every grade level of the program. Our French Immersion Program starts in kindergarten by introducing children to the French language in a warm and inviting atmosphere. The program delivers a minimum of 3800 hours of instruction in French by the end of Grade 8. All communication with parents, including report cards, is in English so that you are well informed of what is happening at your child's school.

Our French Immersion program is designed specifically for students whose mother tongue is not French. Students are provided the opportunity to become functionally bilingual through maximum exposure to French.

This pathway continues at the secondary level. Upon graduation from Grade 12, students are eligible to receive a French Immersion Certificate when they successfully complete 4 courses in French Language and 6 other courses taught in French at the secondary level.

FSL PROGRAM PATHWAYS

PROGRAM FEATURES	EXTENDED FRENCH PROGRAM	FRENCH IMMERSION PROGRAM
Will French be taught as a subject to my child?	Yes.	Yes.
Will French be the language of instruction for all my child's subjects?	French is the language of instruction in at least one other subject.	French is the language of instruction in at least two or more other subjects.
How much instruction will be provided to my child in French?	60% instruction in French 3 hours per day beginning in Grade 5	90% instruction in French 4.5 hours per day beginning in Kindergarten - evolving to 50% in Grade 5.

“Teaching and learning French, as one of Canada’s two official languages, is recognized and valued as an integral component of Ontario’s education system.”

A Framework for FSL in Ontario - 2013