

French Immersion Program

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I am proud to be a teacher in French Immersion.

Coming from a family with no background in French, my parents believed that by learning another language, it would open up many doors for my future.

They were right! The French Immersion program was a life-changing experience.

It taught me how to grow, not only academically, but socially and emotionally as well.

- Melissa Myers, Teacher



Contact Us

If you have any other questions or need additional information, please contact the Principal at one of the French Immersion schools or visit our website at

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French Immersion

French Immersion is an officially recognized program of studies in the Manitoba public school system.

The goals of French Immersion are to help young people proudly interact in French independently and spontaneously, and to see themselves as part of the francophone community. Additionally, French Immersion empowers young people to engage as Canadian citizens in both official languages, thereby increasing their access to other languages and cultures.

The Early Immersion program is open to all students registering for Kindergarten or Grade 1. The Middle Immersion program is open to all students registering for Grade 4.

Essential graduation requirements are the same as the English program.

It is an opportunity to learn and appreciate the French culture.

Like the English program, children in the French Immersion program acquire “academic, social, and career skills; and the life management skills that future citizens will need to develop their individual potential.”

Bilingualism is a door to the future that creates opportunities. for travel, study, and career choice.

Learning an addiotional language presents an intellectual challenge and the opportunity to learn about other cultures, enhancing students’ self-esteem, responsibility, and independence.

LRSD Immersion

All subjects, except for ELA, are taught in French.

The English Language Arts program begins in Grade 2 and comprises 20 to 25 per cent of the entire instructional time, as mandated by Manitoba Education.

The teacher speaks French in all grades. Initially, the children respond in English, butgradually gain the skills and confidence nexessary to express themselves in French.

Oral expression (listening and speaking) is emphasized in all grades.



Did you know?

French Immersion first began in Canada in 1965 as an experiment in Quebec.

The first French Immersion school in Manitoba opened its doors in 1973.

More than 480,000 young Canadians are in French Immersion programs.

Canada is a world leader in second language learning because of the attention, research and development it devotes to additional language learning.

French is spoken by over 321 million people around the world.

French is spoken in 53 countries and is an official language of 29 countries.

“Learning French was the best decision I ever made. It gives you more opportunities in life!”

- Noah, Grade 9 Student

“We chose the French Immersion Program for our children to enable them to lead bilingual lives filled with opportunities.”

- Ken & Brianne Pearase, Parents

French Immersion Schools in the Louis Riel School Division

The Louis Riel School Division offers its French Immersion Program in total immersion, “French milieu settings.”

All school activities, except those related to English Language Arts, are conducted in French.

Staff members are bilingual and communicate in French to provide a French atmosphere for the children.

Communication between the home and school remains in English.

School	Address	Phone
École George-McDowell (6-8)	366 Paddington Rd.	(204) 253-1492
École Guyot (K-8)	400 Willowlake Cres.	(204) 257-2540
École Henri- Bergeron (4-8)	363 Enfield Cres.	(204) 233-7079
École Howden (K-8)*	150 Howden Rd.	(204) 257-0656
École Julie-Riel (K-5)*	316 Ashworth St.	(204) 253-2363
École Marie- Anne- Gaboury (K-8)	95 Pulberry St.	(204) 253-9704
École Provencher (K-4)	320 ave. de la Cathédrale	(204) 233-0222
École St. Germain (K-5)	77 John Forsyth Rd.	(204) 254-0120
École Van Belleghem (K-8)	10 Vermillion Rd.	(204) 255-1134
École Varennes (K-8)	22 Varennes Ave.	(204) 253-1375
École Sage Creek School (K-6)	315 Sage Creek Blvd.	(204) 253-8199
Collège Béliveau (7-12)	296 Speers Rd.	(204) 255-3205
Collège Jeanne-Sauvé (9-12)	1128 Dakota St.	(204) 257-0124

*Also offers the Middle Immersion program in Grades 4-6.