



FRENCH

AS A SECOND LANGUAGE



Programs at ALCDSB

"I, by my works, will show you
my faith." James 2:18



BIENVENUE!

At the Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board we understand that knowledge of a second language is valuable for many reasons.

“Through learning a second language, students strengthen their first-language skills, enhance their critical and creative thinking abilities, and increase their understanding of other cultures. In addition, the ability to communicate in another language provides students with a distinct advantage in a number of careers, both in Canada and internationally.”

The Ontario Curriculum, Grades 9 to 12: French as a Second Language - Core, Extended, and Immersion French (revised), 2014, p. 15



ALCDSB offers a range of FSL programs which focus on the development of communication skills taught in authentic, meaningful contexts.

Learning a language is not limited to the classroom; exposure to the language beyond the school day will greatly benefit language learning. We encourage you to support your children to be **life-long learners of French.**

FSL PROGRAMS

“In an era of increasing globalization, it is critical to heighten students’ awareness that English-French bilingualism is an economic and cultural asset both within Canada and beyond.

A Framework for French as a Second Language in Ontario Schools, 2013, p. 3

Core French

Starting in Grade 1, all ALCDSB elementary students receive 40 minutes a day of instruction in French. At the secondary level, all Grade 9 students study FSL. We encourage all students to continue studying French throughout their high school career.

French Immersion

In some of our elementary schools, we offer French Immersion with entry in Junior Kindergarten, Senior Kindergarten or Grade 1. In this program, French is the language of instruction for half of the day. Grade 8 French Immersion graduates are encouraged to continue in Extended French or French Immersion at the secondary level.

Secondary Programs

Core French: 4 Credits

Extended French: 7 Credits

Immersion French: 10 Credits

International Baccalaureate

Nicholson Catholic College and Regiopolis-Notre Dame Catholic High School offer the International Baccalaureate program. Students in French Immersion may choose to complete the Higher Level Language B component of their IB Diploma. Extended or Core French students may complete the Standard Level, Language B of their IB Diploma.



ENSURING YOUR CHILD'S SUCCESS IN FSL PROGRAMS

You can play an important role in your child's learning even if you don't speak French.



Listening

Offer opportunities to watch French TV, and listen to French music and news (TFO, Netflix, Youtube, Radio Canada, TV5, TVA, Télé-Québec);



Speaking

Find occasions to practice conversational French; use on-line resources and apps to support oral French;



Reading

Read with your child in any language; listen to your child read in French, and ask questions about what your child is reading;



Writing

Access websites like BonPatron.com to help edit work, and online dictionaries like WordReference.com rather than using an online translator.

Learning another language can make bilingual speakers more effective communicators, editors, and writers.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/education/educationopinion/10126883/Why-learn-a-foreign-language-Benefits-of-bilingualism.html>

FUN WAYS TO CONNECT WITH YOUR CHILD EN FRANÇAIS!

- Explore the local area for French community resources (public library, Mass in French, French theatre, French newspapers, magazines, touristic pamphlets, francophone organizations);
- Read labels in French at home and at the grocery store;
- Label items around the house in French;
- Play games/cards in French;
- Exchange notes in French (leave a French note in his/her lunch box);
- Ask your child to teach you a new word/phrase that he/she learned each day;
- Set up pen pals in French.

RESOURCES TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILD EN FRANÇAIS!

Canadian Parents for French - Ontario Branch: on.cpf.ca (A network of volunteers dedicated to the promotion and creation of French-second-language learning opportunities for young Canadians.)

french-future.org (This organization promotes Canada's official bilingualism and the immediate and lifelong benefits of learning and communicating in French to students from grades 7 to 12 across Canada.)

www.frenchstreet.ca (A unique collection of French resources designed to support teachers, students and parents.)

<http://frenchappsforkids.blogspot.ca> (Applications suggested by Ontario FSL educator, Sylvia Duckworth.)

<http://www.fslhomeworktoolbox.ca> (This site supports FSL students who require an accessible user friendly reference tool to help with homework in French.)

http://www.unb.ca/fredericton/second-language/_resources/pdf/elp/schoolbasedlanguageportfolio.pdf (A portfolio for students to track learning and to set goals.)

Supporting Your Child's Success in French Immersion and Extended French, Kindergarten to Grade 12. <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/literacynumeracy/parentGuideFrench.pdf>

Yes, You Can Help: Information and Inspiration for Parents of French Immersion Students. <https://education.alberta.ca/media/563591/yesyoucanhelp.pdf>

DID YOU KNOW?

There are an estimated

274 MILLION

French speakers worldwide.



French is the only language other than English that is taught in every single country in the world.

French is set to be the world's most commonly spoken language by the year

2050

750 MILLION PEOPLE!

Roughly **HALF** the words in modern English are borrowed from French.

French is the official language of the UN, the International Red Cross, NATO and the Olympic Committee.



FRENCH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE PROGRAMS AT ALCDSB

At the Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board, we offer Core French programming from Grades 1 to 12.

The following sites offer French Immersion and Extended French programs.

Elementary Immersion Sites

École catholique Cathédrale
(French Immersion only)
301 Johnson Street, Kingston, ON
613-546-7555
flhpecth@alcdsb.on.ca

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic School
97 Park Crescent, Amherstview, ON
613-389-1122
flhpolmc@alcdsb.on.ca

St. Mary Catholic School
85 Campbell Street, Trenton, ON
613-392-3538
flhpstmt@alcdsb.on.ca

St. Michael Catholic School
273 Church Street, Belleville, ON
613-968-5765
flhpmich@alcdsb.on.ca

Secondary Extended French Sites

Nicholson Catholic College
301 Church Street, Belleville, ON
613-967-0404
flhpnicc@alcdsb.on.ca

St. Paul Catholic Secondary School
(Grades 7 to 12)
15 Tripp Blvd, Trenton, ON
613-394-4843
flhppass@alcdsb.on.ca

Secondary Extended French and French Immersion Site

Regiopolis-Notre Dame Catholic High School
130 Russell Street, Kingston, ON
613-545-1902
flhpregi@alcdsb.on.ca

“Knowledge of languages is the doorway to wisdom.”

– Roger Bacon, 13th century philosopher and scientist

CATHOLIC GRADUATE EXPECTATIONS

Catholic education views human life as an integration of body, mind and spirit. Rooted in this vision, Catholic education fosters the search for knowledge as a lifelong spiritual and academic quest. The expectations of the Catholic graduate, therefore, are described not only in terms of knowledge and skills, but in terms of values, attitudes and actions.

Expectations of the Ontario Catholic School Graduate:



1. A discerning believer formed in the Catholic faith community who celebrates the signs and sacred mystery of God's presence through word, sacrament, prayer, forgiveness, reflection and moral living.



2. An effective communicator, who speaks, writes and listens honestly and sensitively, responding critically in light of Gospel values.



3. A reflective, creative and holistic thinker who solves problems and makes responsible decisions with an informed moral conscience for the common good.



4. A self-directed, responsible, lifelong learner who develops and demonstrates his/her God-given potential.



5. A collaborative contributor who finds meaning, dignity and vocation in work which respects the rights of all and contributes to the common good.



6. A caring family member who attends to family, school, parish and the wider community.



7. A responsible citizen who gives witness to Catholic social teaching by promoting peace, justice and the sacredness of human life.



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