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FRENCH-SECOND-LANGUAGE PROGRAMS IN CANADIAN SCHOOLS

Core (Basic) French includes a course in French language arts, usually starting between Kindergarten and Grade 4. This is a popular choice for students whose first language is neither French nor English and who have been enrolled in English-as-a-second-language programs.

Extended Core French uses French as the language of instruction for one or two subjects in addition to a French language arts course. This is a popular choice for students whose first language is neither French nor English and who have been enrolled in English-as-a-second-language programs.

Intensive French is a one-year program, usually offered in Grade 4 or 5. It enhances the regular core French program with an intensive period of French instruction for half the school year. Students then move to regular core, extended core, middle or late immersion programs.

French Immersion uses French as the language of instruction and a means of communication. Much of the regular school curriculum is taught in French, although the amount of instructional time in French may vary across the country. Children learn French in the same way that they learned their first lan-



*"I saw that my kids were learning... they did not get confused... now they speak three languages."
- Vancouver Parent*

guage, whether it was English, or another language.

- *Early French immersion* provides all instruction in French for the first few years of school. About 80% of instruction is in French from grades 4 – 8, and 50% of instruction is in French in high school.

- *Middle French immersion* usually begins around Grade 4 or 5. All instruction is in French at the beginning of the program and then the amount of French is reduced. This is a popular choice for students whose first language is neither French nor English and who have learned English in English-as-a-second-language programs.

- *Late French immersion* usually begins around Grades 6 or 7. Almost all instruction is in French at the beginning and then the amount of French is gradually reduced. This is a popular choice for students whose first language is neither French nor English and who have been enrolled in English-as-a-second-language programs.

Partial French immersion is an immersion program with an equal (50/50) emphasis on English and French from primary school right up to high school.

I AM A NEWCOMER TO CANADA AND I WANT MY CHILD TO HAVE:

**MORE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES
MORE CAREER CHOICES
MORE CHANCES TO HELP SHAPE CANADA'S FUTURE**

GIVE YOUR CHILD THE ADVANTAGES THAT COME WITH LEARNING BOTH OF CANADA'S OFFICIAL LANGUAGES.



Your family is new to Canada, and your children are now learning, or will be learning, English in school. Did you know that Canada has two official languages, English and French? That even those living in mainly English-speaking communities can benefit from both languages? Did you know that your children could learn French in school while they continue to perfect their English?

YOUR CHILD ALREADY HAS A LANGUAGE-LEARNING ADVANTAGE

Parents like yourself, who learned to speak or saw others speaking more than one language in their country of origin, are confident that their children can master many languages and pass this confidence to their children. Learning a second language has a positive effect on first-language achievement; similarly, learning a third language has a positive effect on first- and second-language development. The more languages one speaks, the easier it is to master new ones! Students who arrive in Canada speaking a language that is neither French nor English have an advantage over students from English-only homes when learning French. Your children are five times more likely to complete high school French than Canadian born students!

MORE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Students who study both English and French can apply for more scholarships than students who do not study French in school. Many scholarships are available only to students who are enrolled in French programs. Bilingual students also qualify for more post-secondary opportunities since they can choose to study in English, in French or in both



"I was a bit sceptical about [French classes] because I didn't know French...But, thank god, she's doing really well. She gets all of these certificates...she's talking in French, she's reading in French, she's helping her cousin who is in high school."
- Toronto Parent

at the same time. Studying both languages is a great way to make sure you have that extra advantage that will help you stand out from your peers who only speak one official language.

MORE CAREER CHOICES

Thousands of businesses in Canada and around the world operate in more than one language. Applicants who are multilingual can choose from a wider range of national and international jobs that need employees with second-language skills and cultural sensitivity. The Government of Canada alone has about 67,000 jobs requiring a working knowledge of both French and English. Being able to work in English and French is a real competitive edge for young adults entering the workforce.

MORE CHANCES TO HELP SHAPE CANADA'S FUTURE

Canadians have the right to receive government services in the official language of their choice: English or French. This means that the Government of Canada must be able to communicate in both official languages, so employees able to work in both English and French are greatly valued. Political candidates with both English and French also have a distinct advantage over other candidates. Knowing both of Canada's official languages will allow your children to play a real part in shaping their new country's social and political development.

"When we came here we saw these different jobs which were really good, but they wanted someone bilingual. So that's what I want for her."
- Toronto Parent

CPF CAN HELP!

CPF has offices in all provinces and territories to provide information and resources for parents and students, as well as activities for children and youth. We can provide information about:

- French-second-language programs in your area;
- Summer camps, special programs, contests, activities and games for students;
- French-language support materials and computer software for use at home or at school;
- Government-sponsored student exchanges, scholarships and activities;
- Post-secondary programs for students who want to continue their studies in French.



"If you're going to count yourself as being Canadian you should embrace everything that Canada is about... it's a bilingual, two-culture country with English and French, so I think you have to accept both."
- Ontario University Student

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