

You're doing a great job supporting and preparing your child for school. You continue to seek information to make good educational decisions—decisions that you hope will help your child flourish in today's global world.

Why not offer your child the benefits of Canada's world-renowned French immersion programs? The advantages go beyond learning both of Canada's official languages. Being bilingual opens doors and produces excellent students and creative thinkers.

Becoming bilingual is a choice; why not give your child the advantages that come with being bilingual?

## BEING BILINGUAL...

### ...IS FOR EVERYONE

Immersion students master French in the same way that they learned English. The process is so natural because French is used as the language of instruction and as a means of communication.

Students learning in French immersion are being taught the same curriculum as those in an English program. French immersion programs start with all or most of the day in French. This helps students quickly learn and achieve the French skills needed to study other subjects in French.

No special skills are required. Children with all types of academic ability can succeed in French immersion, not just above-average students. Studies show that students with lower academic abilities do as well in immersion as they do in English programs. Research also shows that students new to Canada who are English language learners can match or surpass their Canadian-born peers. Every student can have the same opportunities and the advantage is that they all have the potential to become bilingual.

### ...IMPROVES YOUR ENGLISH

Learning subjects in French does not interfere with English-language development. In fact, it improves it!

Research shows that learning a second language has a positive effect on first-language achievement. Immersion students match and often exceed the English skills of other students by Grade 4 or 5, even though they usually start reading and writing in French first.

This happens because the same language learning skills introduced to students in the first few years of the French immersion program are used for learning English, which is usually introduced between grades 2 and 4. English language skills are also strengthened and maintained because students spend the vast majority of their time communicating in English with family and friends.

### ...FOSTERS EXCELLENCE & EXCELLENT COMMUNICATORS

Students with two languages can focus more on meaning and pick out the most relevant points from information provided. They are better able to communicate their thoughts and express themselves and can answer open-ended questions more easily than those with only one language.

Bilingual people are also more sensitive to communication and are better able to understand and respond to the needs of others. Their exposure to another culture makes them respectful of differences, and allows them to communicate effectively with people of diverse backgrounds.

### ...PRODUCES RESULTS

Immersion programs generally produce better French-language results than an English program that offers core French. Early immersion students, however, achieve greater French proficiency than middle, late and partial immersion students.

Early immersion students perform almost as well as francophone students in French

listening and reading comprehension by the end of elementary school. By the end of high school, students are able to work or pursue further studies in French. Studies show that immersion graduates achieved intermediate or higher proficiency levels on Public Service tests.

### ...OFFERS AN EDGE

Thousands of businesses in Canada operate in more than one language and the numbers are growing. In today's global economy, those who are bilingual can choose from a wider range of national and international jobs that require employees with second-language skills and cultural sensitivity. The Government of Canada alone has more than 70,000 bilingual jobs.

Immersion graduates have more options than other students because they may choose to study or work in both official languages. High school students who studied subjects in French find that they can adjust to university or college courses offered in English. They also report little trouble making the transition to university- or college-level courses in French.



# JOIN TODAY!

## CPF MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Canadian Parents for French is a nationwide, research-informed, volunteer organization that champions the opportunity to learn and use French for all those who call Canada home.

## 1 MEMBERSHIP TYPE

Please note we do not need your child's information — please apply under your own name. CPF member must be at least 18 years of age. You may register up to two adults per household as voting members.

I am applying as a:

☐ New member

☐ Renewing Member #: \_\_\_\_\_

To find out more about member benefits, value and AMO membership, please visit our website.

1 year

Best value  
3 year

### Family/Individual

CPF allows one or two adults per family as voting members

☐ \$25.00 ☐ \$60.00

### Associate Member

Organization (AMO)

School or organization

☐ \$60.00 ☐ \$150.00

## 2 CONTACT INFORMATION

Fields marked with an asterisk are required. (CPF reserves the right to cancel any application missing information.)

Member First Name\* \_\_\_\_\_

Member Last Name\* \_\_\_\_\_

2nd Member First Name \_\_\_\_\_

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School Board \_\_\_\_\_ School Name\* \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about us? \_\_\_\_\_

## 3 PAYMENT OPTIONS

(CPF reserves the right to charge a fee for NSF cheques)

☐ Visa ☐ MC ☐ Cheque (payable to CPF National)

Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry Date \_\_\_\_\_

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I would like to donate \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Designate to:

☐ National ☐ My Branch ☐ My Chapter (if applicable)

Your gift in support of CPF is welcomed and appreciated. Due to the cost, we will issue tax receipts in January of the following year only for donations of more than \$10, unless a receipt for a lesser amount is specifically requested.

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## SUPPORT CPF!

### HOW WE HELP

CPF was established in 1977 by a group of parents whose primary goal was to promote and create French-second-language learning opportunities for young Canadians. Currently more than 26,000 are members of community-level Chapters, supported by 10 provincial/territorial Branches and a National office.

### WHAT WE DO

- Sponsor youth summer camps, special programs, contests and activities for French second-language students designed to support their French language learning.
- Influence decision-makers and intervene when programs under threat
- Support parent volunteers involved at the school level.
- Inform and provide resources for parents and students at all stages (preschool, elementary, high school and university/college), and on where to find support materials for use in the home, including French books, educational games, computer software and websites.

### HOW YOU CAN HELP

Teachers know that most parents of immersion students don't understand French. The French immersion program was designed for children of English-speaking parents. If you don't speak French, you can still make your child's French language experience positive.

Be supportive and enthusiastic. Research shows that students whose parents have positive attitudes toward French do better in immersion programs.

Keep in mind that skills learned in English are transferred to French. Read to your children in English, encourage them to write in English, and introduce word games like crossword puzzles, word searches, and Scrabble.

Help your child to use French outside of the classroom: watch French TV, borrow or buy French books and videos, and choose

activities in French like plays, interest courses, and sport activities.

For more resources/information see [cpf.ca](http://cpf.ca).

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# I want my child to be a...



# creative thinker, an excellent communicator, a success in tomorrow's world

