

SECOND LANGUAGE PROGRAMS

Background

Recognizing that Canada is a nation with two official languages, the Division acknowledges its responsibility to provide opportunities for instruction in French as well as English, where numbers and circumstances warrant. The Division will, therefore, attempt to respond to the needs of students and parents, and maintain language instruction as well as an appreciation of the French culture. To facilitate this, the following procedures will govern the operation of second language programs in Division schools.

Procedures

1. Instruction will take place in compliance with approved Alberta Education Program of Studies, resources and support services.
2. The Division will offer any/all of the following types of instruction on a coordinated basis:
 - 2.1 Core (Six-Year French)
 - 2.1.1 A program in which students receive an average of about twenty to forty (20 to 40) minutes of French language instruction daily while all other subjects are taught in English.
 - 2.1.2 Core programs can involve students from grade 4 through high school.
 - 2.2 Immersion
 - 2.2.1 The Division is committed to offering the French Immersion Program beginning at grade 1 or kindergarten and extending through the grades, subject to adequate student enrollment and available school classrooms.
 - 2.2.2 Most instruction is given using French as the language of communication.
 - 2.2.3 Generally the student is exposed to intensive amounts of French (usually eighty to one hundred percent (80 to 100%) in kindergarten, grade 1 and grade 2 and then the immersion time is reduced in subsequent years.
 - 2.2.4 Active involvement, support and input of parents may be facilitated through a French Immersion Parents' Organization, or as part of the School Council.

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Reference: Section 32, 33, 52, 53, 55, 196, 197, 204, 222 Education Act
Funding Manual for School Authorities
Guide to Education ECS to Grade 12
Kindergarten Program Statement