

## ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE NO. 213

# FRENCH LANGUAGE IMMERSION PROGRAM

### Background

In recognition of the two official languages of our nation, the Board believes that it should provide opportunity for its students to receive instruction to acquire and maintain proficiency in the French language through the provision of a K – 12 French Immersion program delivered within the context of Catholic teachings and traditions.

### Guidelines

1. The French immersion program shall be operated in accordance with Alberta Education Policy 1.5.2, and with existing Division policies and procedures.
2. French immersion programs are designed for children whose first language is other than French. Children whose first language is French and want a Catholic education are welcome to participate in the French Immersion Program.
3. Every effort will be made to employ personnel who possess and demonstrate knowledge and proficiency of and the commitment to the French language and culture.
4. French immersion courses will only be offered at schools designated as French Immersion sites.
5. French Immersion students and French Second Language students must not be combined in the same classroom for French instruction.

### Procedures

1. Recognizing that many local factors may determine the time allocated to instruction in the French Immersion programs, the following ranges are recommended as supportive of the objectives of developing the French Language and cultural appreciation.

French Instruction Recommended (Guide to Education):

Kindergarten	100%
Grades 1 – 2	90% – 100%
Grades 3 – 6	70% – 80%
Grades 7 – 9	50% – 80%
Grades 10 – 12	40% – 80%

2. The entry points for students beginning French immersion with no previous knowledge of French is Kindergarten and grade 1. Students in grades 2 – 12 will be expected to have had previous bilingual education experience. Entry after grade 1 will be determined on an individual merit at the school level.
3. The content of all courses taught in the French language is to be consistent with the content as prescribed in the Programme d'Études de l'Alberta.
4. A French Immersion certificate of completion shall be granted to grade 12 students who are participating in the French Immersion program. Students will be required to take all French Immersion courses that match their academic achievement record. Exemptions are only granted after consultation with the Principal.

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