

WHO IS FRENCH IMMERSION FOR?

For students and families who don't speak French and want to become bilingual.

WHAT ARE THE GOALS OF THE EARLY FI PROGRAM?

- To provide instruction of the BC curriculum entirely in French from K - Grade 3
- To graduate with a bilingual dual Dogwood
- To participate easily in French conversations
- To take post-secondary courses in French
- To accept employment in French
- To gain insight into French history and culture
- To be proud French speakers
- To be courageous language learners who embrace a growth mindset on their journey toward bilingualism

**Bienvenue en
maternelle!**



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**Embracing
courage,
determination
and joy in our
language
journey
towards
bilingualism.**

BONJOUR!



**Early French
Immersion at
École T.M.
Roberts**

**J'ADORE
PARLER
FRANÇAIS**

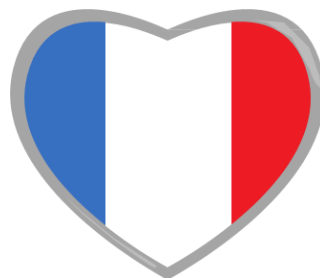


WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF LEARNING A SECOND LANGUAGE?

- Gives a competitive edge in the job market
- Can earn more wages due to being bilingual
- Increased literacy skills
- Increased empathy
- Higher cognitive reserve in advance age
- Better ability to concentrate
- Easier to travel
- Easier to learn another language

WHEN WILL MY CHILD ACHIEVE BILINGUALISM?

Becoming fluent in another language is a life-long journey. It takes thousands of hours to become proficient in another language. Our goal for our students is to achieve the threshold or independent level of proficiency by Grade 12 according to the Common European Framework of Reference for languages.



IS FRENCH IMMERSION A GOOD FIT FOR MY CHILD?

General success factors

- Strong verbal skills
- Imitates words easily
- Good memory
- Awareness of sounds in words
- Confident learner/willing to take risks
- Growth mindset/resilient

WHAT I WISH I KNEW ABOUT FI

It's all in French!

- Your child will need to be okay with not understanding everything right away
- Your child will be learning to read & write in French until Grade 3. Formal English instruction starts in Grade 4
- 80% - 100% of courses are taught in French until Grade 7
- Requires practice at home

HELP! I DON'T SPEAK FRENCH!

Tranquille...

- Prepare your child for school by ensuring they can use the washroom, put on their shoes and coat, practice the morning school routine
- Read to your child in your home language
- Help your child with their sleep hygiene, healthy diet and consistent attendance
- Model a growth mindset where you embrace challenges, persist through obstacles, learn from criticism and are inspired by others
- Learn more about growth mindset here:



- French it up with all the fun music, apps, books, recipes and cartoons by clicking the link below!

