

SECOND LANGUAGE PROGRAMS

Background

Learning a second language fosters personal growth and enrichment, as well as tolerance and understanding. The ability to communicate in a second language enhances career possibilities and contributes to the bilingual and multicultural dimensions of our country.

Second language programs will be offered where numbers warrant.

Procedures

1. French Immersion Program

- 1.1 The Division supports a dual-track system, providing opportunities for integration between students in English and French programs.
- 1.2 Schools where French Immersion programs are housed will maintain adequate resources to support student learning in these programs.
- 1.3 A French-speaking administrator will be appointed in each of the dual track schools, when possible.
- 1.4 A French-speaking office secretary will be appointed in each of the dual track schools, when possible.
- 1.5 A Division Second Language Lead Teacher will be identified to provide ongoing support for the program.
- 1.6 Schools offering French Immersion will provide Alberta Education's recommended instructional time allocations in French.
- 1.7 The entry point for French Immersion programs will be at ECS or grade 1, unless the child demonstrates proficiency in French at the appropriate grade level.
- 1.8 English Language Arts instruction for students in French Immersion programs will begin in grade 1.

2. Other Languages

- 2.1 In schools where French as a Second Language is offered, students will have access to these courses in accordance with Alberta Education's recommended instructional time allocations.
- 2.2 In schools where other second languages are offered, students will have access to these courses in accordance with Alberta Education's recommended instructional time allocations.
- 2.3 The program(s) offered may depend on majority requirements in each school community.

Reference: Section 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 20, 21, 39, 45, 60, 61, 113 School Act
Section 23, Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedom
Funding Manual for School Authorities
Guide to Education ECS to Grade 12