

French Immersion at GECDSB

The Greater Essex County District School Board is proud to offer parents/guardians the opportunity to enrol their child in an Early French Immersion Program. French Immersion is designed for students whose first language is not French. The goals of the program are to enable students to become functionally bilingual; to instill an appreciation of French language and culture among students; and to promote lifelong language learning.

Students can begin the Early French Immersion Program in Year One or Two of Kindergarten or the beginning of Grade One. The program continues into high school where students achieve diploma requirements in French Immersion.

What is the family's role in French Immersion?

Families should continue to read and communicate with their child in their first language. Research shows that knowledge learned in a first language is transferred to a second language.

Families should have a positive attitude towards learning French as a second language. Ongoing encouragement and commitment will contribute to success.

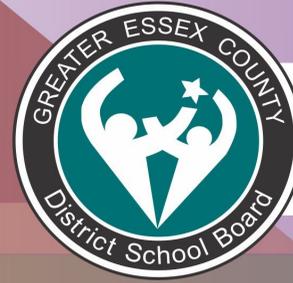
Which school will my child attend?

To find out which French Immersion school your child would attend, go to 'School Finder' at www.buskids.ca. Please register online at register.publicboard.ca or call for an appointment to visit the school in your boundaries. Note that boundaries for our English and French Immersion programs differ. For registration, provide proof of your child's age and immunization record. Please visit the Board and school website at www.publicboard.ca for Information and Orientation nights/events.

For more information visit:

<https://publicboard.ca/Programs/K-12/Pages/default.aspx>

If you have questions regarding our French as a Second Language programs (Core French, Extended French or French Immersion), you can contact the School Principal or Teacher Consultant, Angeline Humber, at 519-255-3200 x 10218.



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Programs at a Glance

French as a Second Language Programs in GECDSB

The Greater Essex County District School Board values the importance of learning French as a second language (FSL). Whether the learning happens in a Core French, Extended French, or French Immersion classroom, we believe that all students can learn French as a second language and that it provides many social and academic benefits. Our vision for FSL is to help students develop the skills necessary to have the confidence and ability to use French effectively in their daily lives.

We support the following goals for FSL set out by the Ministry of Education in *A Framework for French as a Second Language in Ontario Schools* Kindergarten to Grade 12:

- Increase student confidence, proficiency, and achievement in FSL.
- Increase the percentage of students studying FSL until graduation.
- Increase student, educator, parent/guardian, and community engagement in FSL.



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Program	Core French	French Immersion
How many hours of instruction will be provided to my child in French each year?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 120 hours—Grades 4-8 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kindergarten – Grade 1 -940 hours (100%) • Grades 2-5 -780 hours (80%) Language taught in English/ Other subjects taught in French • Grades 6-8 - 470 hours (50%) Language, Math and Science taught in English/ Other subjects taught in French

SECONDARY SCHOOL

In any given grade, students may count an FSL course in only *one* program (Core, Extended, or Immersion) that is of *one* course type (academic, applied, university, or open) up to a total of four French language credits towards their secondary school diploma. **Secondary students may use up to three French credits towards their 18 compulsory credits.**

Core French	Extended French	French Immersion
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A minimum of one credit is compulsory for graduation • Academic, applied, and open courses may be offered in Core French in Grades 9 and 10 • University preparation and open courses may be offered in Grades 11 and 12 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students accumulate seven credits in French: four are for FSL courses; three are for other subjects in which French is the language of instruction. • Academic courses in Extended French in Grades 9 and 10 • University preparation courses in Grades 11 and 12 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students accumulate ten credits in French: four are for FSL courses; six are for other subjects in which French is the language of instruction • Academic and applied courses in French Immersion in Grades 9 and 10 • University preparation and open courses in Grades 11 and 12

Diplôme d'études en langue française (DELF) Exam

The GECDSB offers the DELF exam to students enrolled in Grade 12 French courses in all programs. The DELF exam is an assessment of proficiency in French offered through the Ministry of National Education in France.