

POLICY 3400

FRENCH IMMERSION

March 2010

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The Board of Education provides for instruction in early French Immersion beginning in first year primary where enrolment is sufficient to warrant the establishment of a class or classes. Staffing shall be on an equitable basis with regular programs. Due to the very small scale of the District, close regulations will be followed in the establishment and/or continuation of French Immersion.

PROCEDURES

- By April 30th of a school year the school or district will survey communities for interest at the determination of the Superintendent.
- Where possible, classes will remain together as a cohort moving from primary to intermediate. Additional late entering students will only be considered on a case by case basis by the school Principal and Immersion teacher. There is no requirement to accept them into the cohort.
- Classes will be created for a maximum of a three grade split if 20 or more students enroll in June for the following school year.
- Classes will be closed down if the number enrolled is below 12 by Sept 30. Should the enrollment become insufficient, (below 12) the school district should consult parents to find solutions. If there is no resolution then the district shall give the remainder of the year as notice of any changes to parents of any changes to permit full discussion and allow parents time to consider alternatives.
- Students completing grade 6 will be transitioned to grade 7 in a regular English programme.
- Regardless of any offering of early French Immersion in Elementary School, there will be no programme offered to grades 7-12 in the District.
- It is the parent's responsibility to transport their child to the school or appropriate bus line if they live outside of the regular catchment area of that school.
- Students in grades 1-3 will receive their instruction in French.
- Students in grades 4-6 will receive 20-25% of their instruction in English.
- Grade 4 students will undertake the Foundation Skills Assessment or similar provincially mandated exams in English.