

FRENCH SECOND LANGUAGE PROGRAMS IN ONTARIO

French Second Language (FSL) programs are designed for students whose parents have no or little knowledge of the French language. The FSL programs currently offered by the English language school boards in Ontario are listed below in order of increasing intensity.

Core French

Core French, often referred to as Basic French, is a mandated program in Ontario from Grade 4 to Grade 9. A child in Core French will receive a total of 600 hours of French instructional time in elementary school and one credit in Grade 9.

Intensive Core French

The Intensive Core French program is currently being offered in eight Grade 5 classrooms in Ontario as a pilot program. Students in this program will experience an intensive period of French instruction for one half of the school year. They will receive approximately 952.5 accumulated hours of French instructional time in elementary school, one mandated credit in Grade 9 plus the option of three elective credits in secondary school.

Extended French

Extended French Programs can begin in Grades 4, 5, 6 or 7. French is the language of instruction for one or two subjects in addition to a French language class. Students in this program will receive 1260 hours of French instructional time in elementary school and must complete seven credits in secondary school.

French Immersion

French Immersion programs vary in intensity from 100% French instructional time to 50% French instructional time. Students enrolled in a 100% Early French Immersion program will typically receive 6709.5 hours of French instructional time and must complete 10 credits in secondary school. Students enrolled in a 50% French Immersion program will receive 3800 hours of French instructional time in elementary school and must complete 10 credits in secondary school. A few school boards offer an Honours French Immersion program with up to 16 credits offered at the secondary level.