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*Kindergarten to Senior 4 German Language Arts: Manitoba Curriculum Framework of Outcomes* (hereafter called the *Curriculum Framework*) was developed through the co-operative efforts of Alberta Learning, Edmonton Public Schools, Elk Island Public Schools, River East School Division, and Manitoba Education and Youth.

The term *bilingual programming*\* is used to describe a partial immersion program where both English and a second language (in this case, German) are languages of instruction. In German bilingual programming, language arts is taught using both languages of instruction. Other subjects are taught either in English or in German. Cultural knowledge, skills, and attitudes are often taught using an integrated approach.

The *Curriculum Framework* presupposes that the following portions of instructional time are allocated to instruction in German:

- Kindergarten to Grade 6 – 50%
- Grade 7 to Senior 1 – 30%
- Senior 2 to Senior 4 – 30%

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\*In Western Canada, language programs in which French is the second language of instruction are generally called immersion programs rather than bilingual programs.