French Language Education in Manitoba

Who is eligible?

For a child who speaks little or no French, a variety of strategies may be offered in either Basic French or French Immersion.

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For more information, contact:

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• master English;
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Did you know?

- Learning additional languages, such as French, can improve employability; people who can speak at least two languages have better job opportunities, better earning potential and are generally happier and healthier.
- Manitoba's public schools, as stated in Section 23 of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, are entitled to the following:
  - the official use of French in their schools;
  - the official use of French in their communities;
  - the ability to develop French language and culture initiatives;
  - the ability to develop and maintain bilingual education programs.
- Students learning an additional language acquire cross-cultural understanding, develop new social networks, improve their cognitive skills, and display greater cultural sensitivity.

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- Canadian Parents for French – a parent association dedicated to promoting French second language learning opportunities: http://www.cpfmb.com
- FAQS - Core (Basic) French in Canada: http://www.cpfmb.com/Core_French_in_Canada.pdf
- A locator map of schools in the DSFM: http://dsfm.mb.ca/comites_csfm.php
- A locator map of schools in Manitoba: http://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/frpub/fc/fl_1/partie
- Interesting Articles for Parents: http://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/docs/support/b_french/Parents_Articles.htm
- Early Start French may be offered from Kindergarten to Grade 3. In schools where it is offered, Basic French begins in Grade 4 and may continue to Grade 12.
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Did you know?

- Learning additional languages, such as French, enriches the mind, broadens one’s worldview, and enhances employment opportunities.
- French is one of the official languages of the United Nations.
- More than 200 million people in 55 countries on the continent speak French as a regular language.
- Canada has five official languages, including French.
- Learning French enhances students’ critical thinking, creative thinking, and display greater cultural sensitivity.

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For more information, contact:

- Basic French Guidelines: A Handbook for School Administrators and Teachers
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  Winnipeg MB R3C 3K9
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  Fax: 204-945-1625
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Who is eligible?
- Eligible students may enter at any grade level.
- Students may enter only at one grade level.
- For Grade 7 and 8, or French 1 or 2, a student has to be enrolled in French Immersion at least 75% of the time.

What are the goals?
- The French Immersion Program aims to develop functionally bilingual Francophone students who will:
  - demonstrate an appreciation for the French language, cultural diversity of the French-speaking world; and cultural knowledge of French from which to pursue nuclear energy.
  - French as a tool for personal, intellectual, and social development.
  - French language knowledge and skills are developed through the use of Francophone cultures.
  - Francophone cultures; financial, economic, and core curricular subjects.

What approach is used?
- French first language instruction is offered from Kindergarten to Grade 12.
- French is used as the language of instruction for a significant part of the day.

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Where to find more information?
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- Entreparents.mb.ca – resources for Francophone parents
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