

French Immersion Questions & Answers

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Why should I consider French immersion for my children?

Because it opens one more door for them and for their future well-being. Graduates of a full immersion program can expect increased appreciation of other languages and cultures, enhanced career potential, and a key to learning other languages as well as a more global view of Canada and the world.

Is French immersion for everyone?

Immersion is suitable for children of all academic abilities. French Immersion may present an additional challenge to your child but it is not to be confused with enrichment. It is a program developed for the specific purpose of giving Anglophone school children the opportunity to become bilingual, while still maintaining their English skills. The Immersion method was created for children whose classroom language is not their first language.

Will my children learn the same things as their peers in the English program?

Both programs follow the guidelines of the Saskatchewan Ministry of Education. The French Immersion curricula is the same as the English one except for French Language Arts. Only the language of instruction is different.

When is English introduced?

English is introduced in Grade 3. Some school divisions choose to introduce it earlier. Students are exposed to one period a day of English Language Arts. Within a year of two, they should be reading in both languages. Skills in one language can be transferred to benefit the development of the other.

What if my child needs help?

École White City School and Lumsden Elementary School are committed to providing students with the supports that they require. The schools can also provide parents with tips and tricks for supporting their child. Your encouragement and belief in the value of a second language will strengthen your child's learning experience. Canadian Parents for French Saskatchewan supply a book called "Yes, you can Help!" Call them at 1-800-561-6151 for information on ordering a copy.

Will my child have access to bussing?

Bussing will be provided within the designated attendance area. To find out more, contact transportation@pvscd.ca.

Need more information?

To find out more about French Immersion, contact the school:

École White City School (306) 781-2115

Lumsden Elementary School (306) 731-3338