FRENCH IMMERSION

PROGRAM GUIDE FOR FAMILIES

BONJOUR!

French Immersion at Foothills School Division is a Kindergarten to grade 12 alternative program.

Students graduate with bilingual life and career opportunities, including post-secondary credits, and DELF certification.

OUR SCHOOLS

French Immersion is offered in Okotoks and High River. With transportation available, you do not need to live near the school to attend French Immersion

ELEMENTARY

- École Percy Pegler (K-6)
- École Joe Clark (K-5)

JUNIOR HIGH

- École Okotoks Junior High (7-9)
- École Senator Riley Middle (6-8)

HIGH SCHOOL

- ÉSFCHS | AHSFA (10-12)
- École Secondaire Highwood High (9-12)

FRENCH IMMERSION BEGINS WITH POSSIBILITY

You don't need to speak French for your child to be successful. You just need to believe in them.

IT'S MORE THAN A LANGUAGE PROGRAM



A PLACE TO BELONG

Everyone is welcome in FSD French Immersion programs.



SKILLS BEYOND LANGUAGE

Learners grow in their knowledge of communication, culture, critical-thinking, and confidence.



COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Parents and students are supported and celebrated. Access to community partners.



A BRIGHT FUTURE

Bilingual life and career opportunities.
Post-secondary dual credit courses.
DELF Certification.



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WHAT IS POSSIBLE WITH FRENCH IMMERSION?

- **Cultural Exploration and Appreciation**
  Bi-annual trips to Montreal in Junior High and to France in High School

- **French Proficiency**
  Students can write the DELF exam to earn an internationally-recognized diploma for French.

- **Resume Booster**
  Graduates expand life and career opportunities in Canada and across the globe.

- **Life-long Learning**
  Learning another language enhances how students engage in other subjects including English Language Arts, mathematics, social studies, and music.

YOUR SUPPORT MATTERS MOST

Learning another language grows with practice and support. Simple connections have a great impact:

- **Celebrate effort**
  Notice their progress.

- **Stay curious**
  Ask about their day and learning

- **Encourage perseverance**
  Practice makes improvements, and challenges are a part of learning and growth.

- **Stay connected**
  Talk with your child's teacher to share questions and celebrate your child's achievement.

WHO CAN ENROLL?

Everyone is welcome in French Immersion! You do not need to be a French-speaking family to register.

- Students can begin in Kindergarten or grade 1 at an FSD school.
- Students can transfer into our schools from another board's French Immersion program at any time.

IS IT ALL FRENCH, ALL THE TIME?

Beginning in Kindergarten and Grade 1, all learning is in French.

Grade 3 introduces English Language Arts, and more English-based subjects are incorporated into learning through to grade 12.

The Alberta Education Programs of Study are the same for each subject, regardless of the language of instruction.

IS THERE A FEE?

The French Immersion program does not have additional instructional fees.

Kindergarten is provincially funded as a part-time program. Families who wish to enroll in Full Time French Immersion Kindergarten will have a monthly fee for the school year.

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All of this information and more is available on our website. If you have any questions about this information that you cannot find on the website,
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