

Table Comparing Francophone and French Immersion Schools

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French Language School (Francophone School)	Students	French Immersion School
For the children of parents whose mother tongue is French who want their children to acquire French as a first language.		For students who want to learn French as a second language.
Any Canadian student is eligible under Section 23 of the <i>Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms</i> , more precisely: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ if French is the first language learned and still understood by the parent; ➤ if the parent received his/her primary education in French, or if his/her brother or sister has received or is receiving primary or secondary education in French in Canada (excluding immersion programs). 	Eligibility	Any student who wants to learn French as a second language in an immersion context.
To have strong ability in French as a first language.	French - Objective	To have functional ability in French as a second language.
To develop a strong bilingualism in French and English.	Bilingualism - Objective	To learn a second language, in addition to mastering English as a first language.
To build identity and develop Francophone culture, to participate actively in the Francophone community.	Culture and Identity - Objectives	To provide opportunities to know and appreciate French language and Francophone culture, while respecting one's cultural and linguistic identity first.
The students are addressed in French at all times and places.	Language of Communication	The students are addressed in French in class, if the course is given in French. In other situations, the use of French may vary.
The parent receives documents in French.		The parent receives documents in English.

<p>The instruction is entirely in French, except for during the English course which is required from Grade 4 onward.</p>	<p>Language of Instruction</p>	<p>Depending on the location and school level, instruction may be given in French for some courses only.</p>
<p>The first language of members of the teaching staff is usually French. Thus the French being modeled for the students is better.</p>		<p>Teaching Staff</p>
<p>To the greatest extent possible, support staff who speak French are hired. This contributes to the linguistic richness of the school environment.</p>	<p>Support Staff</p>	
<p>The standards used to evaluate the students' work in French take into account the fact that this is their first language. The standards used to evaluate the students' work in English take into account that they must achieve a high level and mastery of this language.</p>	<p>Student Evaluation</p>	<p>The standards used to evaluate the students' work in French take into account the fact that this is their second language. The standards used to evaluate the students' work in English take into account the fact that this is their first language.</p>