

Elk Island Public Schools
FRENCH IMMERSION
Registration
Information Night



Ardrossan Elementary



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French Immersion

This program is offered at select Elk Island Public Schools from Kindergarten to Grade 12.

Instruction is based on Alberta Education Programs of Study and designed for children whose first language is *not* French.

Typically, students begin French immersion in Kindergarten or Grade 1.

- Students are immersed in "French only" from K-2.
- Students start formal English instruction in Gr. 3.



Enriched Learning Environment

French is the language of instruction for a significant part of the school day creating an environment for students to become fluent in the language. Just as they would in the English program, French Immersion students receive a high-level education with innovative technologies and learning methodologies. The program also includes field trips, guest speakers and cultural events.



Starting Young Helps in Future Opportunities...

A Foundation for Success

- ▶ French Immersion creates a foundation for students to achieve success now and in the future - providing opportunities for exchanges and travel, scholarships and bursaries, and earning an International Language Proficiency Certification.
- ▶ Fluency in French may increase career options, especially in tourism, diplomatic service, politics, teaching, research, marketing and civil service. In fact, almost half of jobs in the Federal Government of Canada require applicants to be bilingual in Canada's two official languages, according to a 2017 report by the Clerk of the Privy Council.

Why consider the EIPS French Immersion program?

Students who continue in French Immersion to graduation will see the biggest rewards and open up post-secondary opportunities.

Learning a new language makes it easier for students to learn additional languages.

Having a second language builds confidence in students and enhances creativity, critical thinking and problem-solving skills.

French is one of Canada's two official languages and is spoken by 220 million people around the world.

Common Questions

What if I don't speak French?

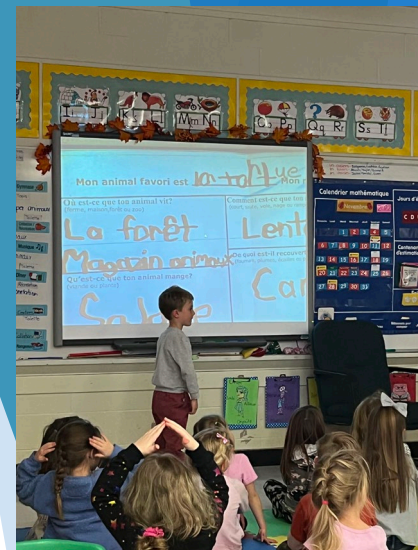
Parents of French Immersion students are not expected to know how to speak French.

Will my child's English skills suffer?

Research has shown that a second language can significantly strengthen first language skills.

- How do I know my child is keeping up?
- How do I help my child when I don't speak the language?
- My child has a learning disability, would this program suit him?
- Is the curriculum any different?

Note: Be prepared for children to learn at a different rate than their English program counter parts.





Ardrossan Elementary

Current School Population: 601 students

Location: Ardrossan, AB

We are a **dual track school.**

We have a both French Immersion and English programming:

- Our French Immersion program has 174 students
- Our English program has 428 students (Including our PALS program)



HERITAGE HILLS ELEMENTARY

Current School Population: 519 students

Location: Sherwood Park, AB

We are a **dual track school.**

We have a both French Immersion and English programming:

- Our French Immersion program has 144 students
- Our English program has 375 students



École Campbelltown



Current School Population: 383 students

Location: Sherwood Park, AB

Single Track French Immersion

Programming: K-6



École Parc Élémentaire



Current School Population: 358 students

Location: Fort Saskatchewan, AB

Single Track French Immersion K-6

New and Returning Student Registration Process



- ▶ Online
- ▶ New Student Registration opens February 1, 2024
- ▶ Returning Student Registration runs February 8 to 21, 2024
 - ▶ Provides confirmation whether continuing on with EIPS and in what program.
 - ▶ Once registered, our counsellors will visit each school to assist with the registration process.

Who should consider the EIPS French Immersion Secondary program?

Students wanting to continue to enhance their French skills through French Language instruction.

Our current grades 6 and 9 French Immersion students can continue their investment in their learning.

What do we do at Elk Island Public Schools to ensure success for our French Immersion students?

We maintain contact with parents through PowerSchool, email, meetings and phone calls.

Teachers discuss regularly the progress of the French Immersion students.

Excellent teachers and staff.

French Immersion Junior High within Elk Island Public Schools

- ▶ Students currently enrolled in an elementary program are designated to one of two schools for junior high.
 - ▶ Ardrossan Jr Sr High School
 - ▶ Sherwood Heights Jr High School
- ▶ The program includes French Language Arts, Science, Social Studies, Math and English Language Arts.
- ▶ Students in the FI Program can take advantage of cultural activities and exchanges, important educational aspects of the program.

Programming in Jr High

Options

- Art
- Drama/Performing Arts
- Band
- Construction
- Digital Media
- Outdoor Ed
- Electronic Music Production
- Foods
- Fashions
- Leadership
- Personal Fitness
- Robotics

Athletics

- Volleyball
- Cross Country
- Basketball
- Badminton
- Track
- Handball



Student Life

Athletics



At the end of grade 9, you will have completed:

- ▶ Études sociales 9 (Social Studies 9)
- ▶ Mathématiques 9 (Mathematics 9)
- ▶ Sciences 9 (Science 9)
- ▶ English Language Arts 9 (ELA 9)
- ▶ French Language Arts 9 (FLA 9)
- ▶ Physical Education 9 and your options





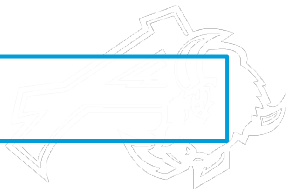
French Immersion High School within Elk Island Public Schools

- ▶ Students currently enrolled in a junior high will continue their FI studies at Ardrossan Jr Sr High School

Sports



Language - Spanish



Fine Arts

- Commercial Arts
- Band
- Drama
- Performing Arts
- A.d.c. - Ardrossan Drama Company

Wide range of CTS courses:

- Communication Technology
- Construction Technology
- Esthetics
- Fabrication Studies
- Foods and Commercial Foods
- Mechanics



School Life

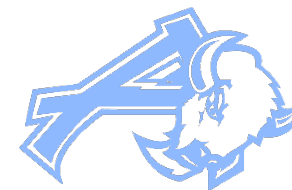
French Immersion Certificate Criteria



Elk Island will award a French Immersion Certificate to students who:

- ▶ Complete at least two courses in French (one of which must be FLA) at the 30-level
- ▶ At least 30 total credits in French Immersion (six courses) over the three years in high school.
 - French Language Arts
 - Études Sociales
 - Sciences
 - Biologie
 - Mathématiques
 - Chimie

**Courses offered at the high school level depend on that year's interest and student body. Over the past few years, Biologie 30 and Chimie 30 have been offered in alternating years.*



Grade 9

- French Language Arts 9

Grade 10

- French Language Arts 10-1 or 10-2

Grade 11

- French Language Arts 20-1 or 20-2

Grade 12

- French Lanugage Arts 30-1 or 30-2



Grade 9

- Études sociales 9

Grade 10

- Études sociales 10-1 or 10-2

Grade 11

- Études sociales 20-1 or 20-2

Grade 12

- Études sociales 30-1 or 30-2



Grade 9

- Mathématiques 9

Grade 10

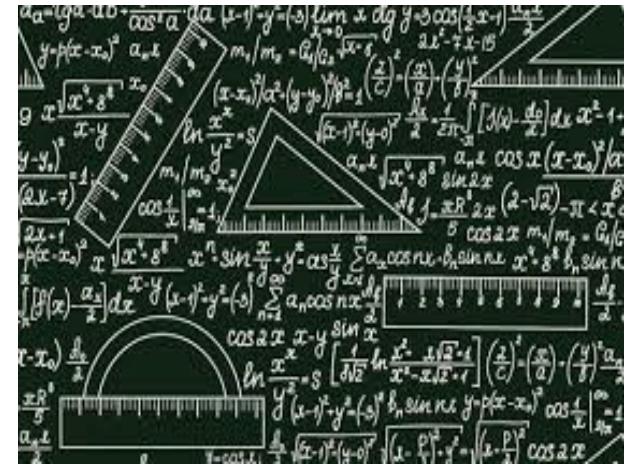
- Mathématiques 10C

Grade 11

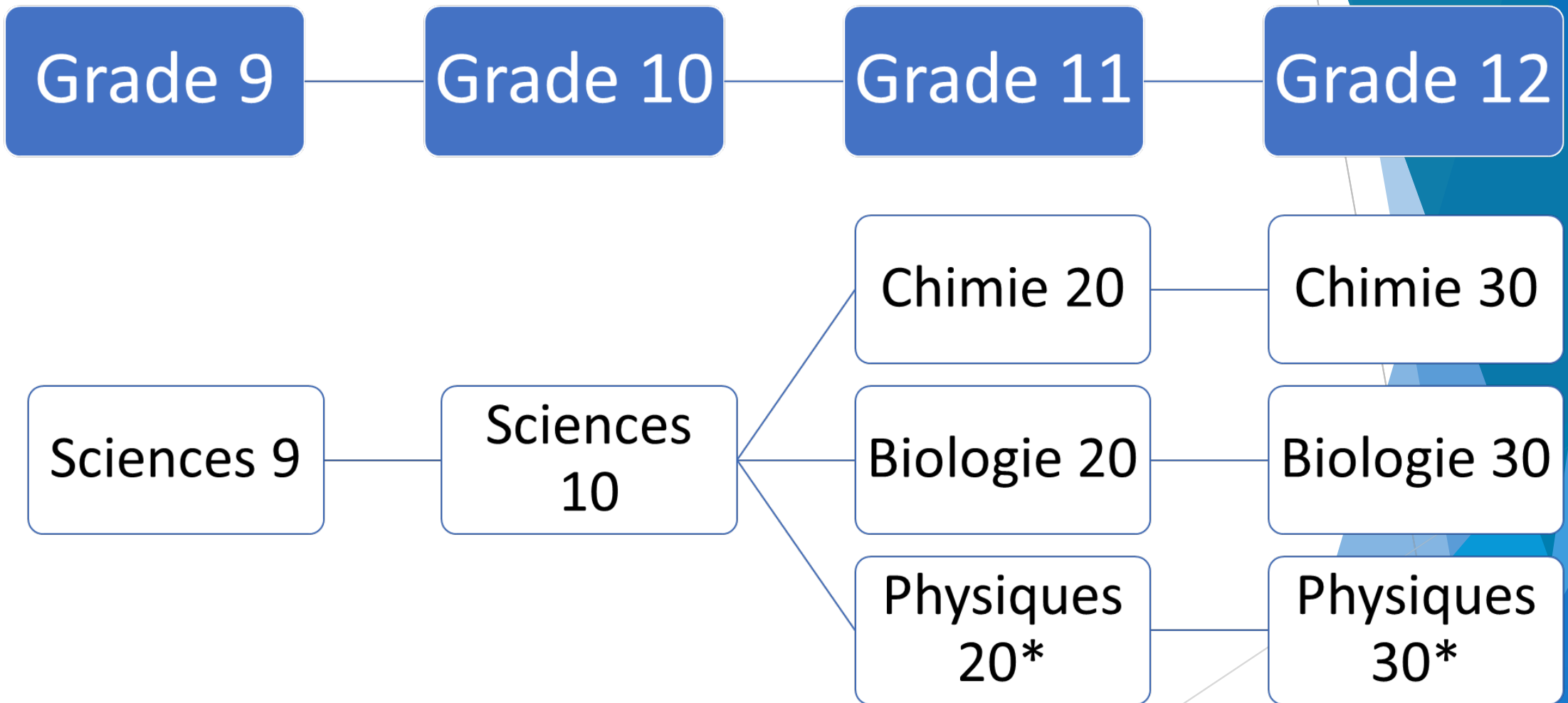
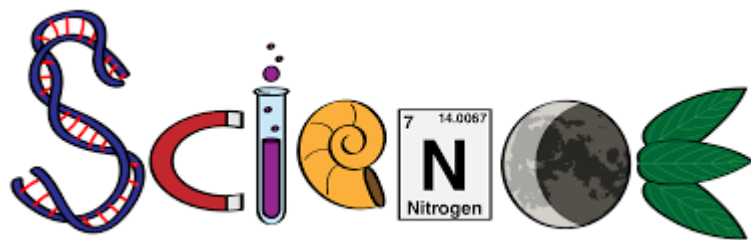
- Mathématiques 20-1

Grade 12

- Mathématiques 30-1



*Math 20-2, 30-2, 10-3, 20-3, 30-3 and 31 are not offered in French at this time.



*Not currently offered in French at this time

DELF



- ▶ Once in French Language Arts 30, students will have the opportunity to write the DELF exam at the B2 level.
- ▶ What is the DELF exam?
 - ▶ Le Diplome d'études de langue française (DELF) is an international diploma officially awarded by the French Ministry of Education to certify the French language skills of candidates from outside France.
- ▶ The certification is good for life!
- ▶ At this level, the student has a degree of fluency and spontaneity in interactions and can correct their own mistakes.

Why students may take the DELF...

- ▶ To be assessed with the same international language standards as candidates in 173 countries
- ▶ To continue studies at a French university
- ▶ To complement language education with a universally recognized diploma





**CANADIAN
PARENTS
FOR FRENCH**
ARDROSSAN CHAPTER



More great reasons
to become a
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**Are you a student in
French Immersion?**

Join our network of
supports and resources
for youth and parents.
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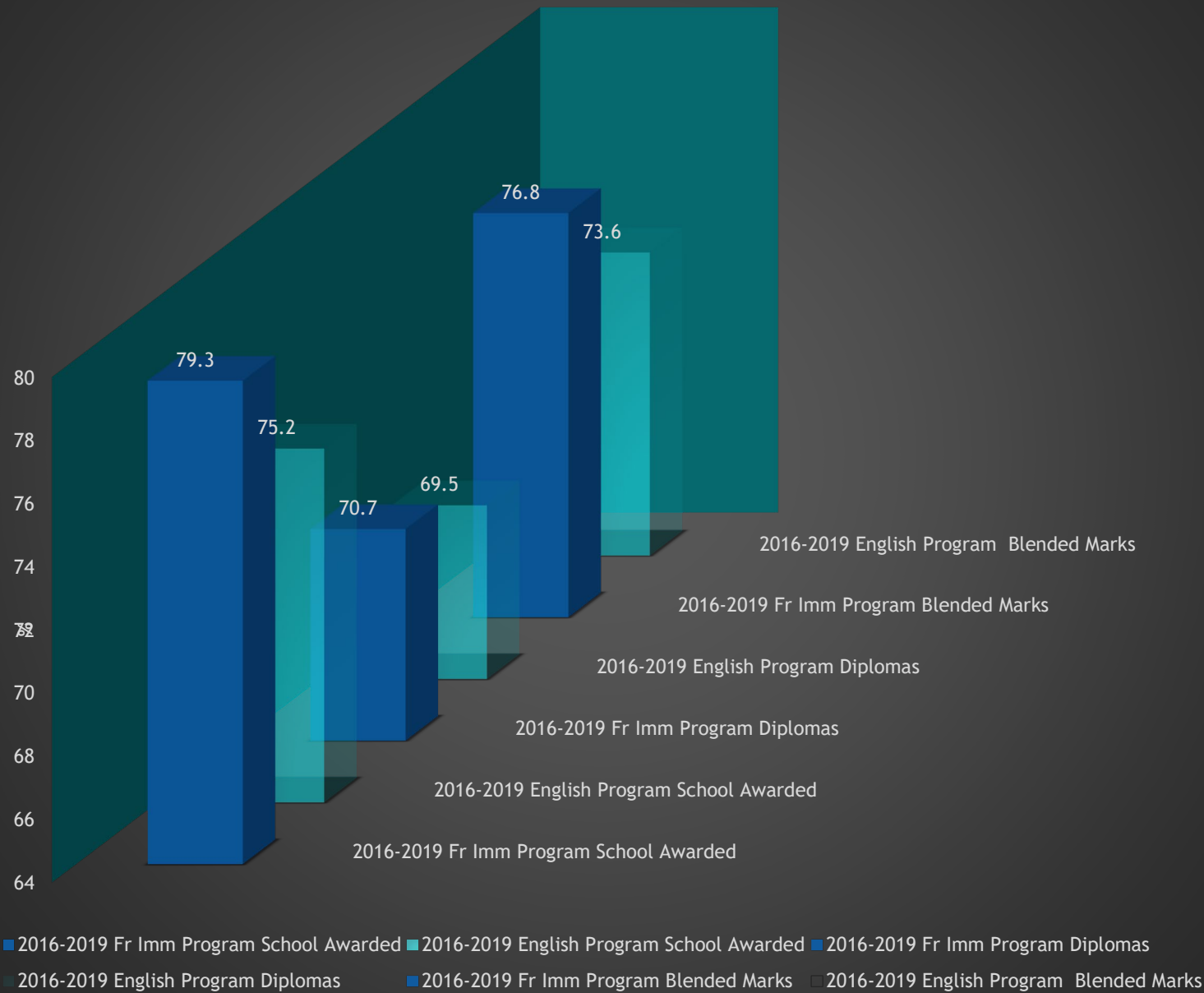
We are most proud of:

- ▶ The variety of course we offer in French - French Language Arts, Biology, Chemistry, Social Studies, Math at all levels as well as Science 10
- ▶ Great retention rate from Jr. High to Sr. High year after year
- ▶ Great rapport and relationship with each class/grade year after year
- ▶ Strong results and performance on provincial achievement tests (Grade 9) and diploma exams (Grade 12) yearly

We are most proud of:

- ▶ Strong rate of participation from French Immersion students and success in sports, band, drama, exchanges, etc.
- ▶ Maintaining a strong enrolment since beginning in 1989-90
- ▶ Many graduates continue on to Campus Saint Jean University of Alberta (French University program)
- ▶ Strong local Canadian Parents for French chapter (Ardrossan) that supports our program
- ▶ Possibilities for exchange programs to Québec and France

AJS Diploma, School and Blended Marks



Campus St. Jean

Campus Saint-Jean offers Bachelor programs in a wide realm of disciplines. With programs in the Arts, Commerce, and Education, to the Sciences, and specialized programs in Nursing, Engineering, and Environmental Conservation Sciences, you can explore and customize your education to fit your areas of interest and study.

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