

Administrative Procedures Manual	Administrative Procedure 212
	French as a Second Language
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Background

Recognizing that Canada is a bilingual country; the Division supports the teaching of French as a Second Language (FSL). Learning French is considered important both to enhance opportunities for living and working in other parts of Canada and to foster a greater understanding between French-speaking and English-speaking Canadians.

Procedures

1. French as a Second Language instruction will be provided in accordance with Alberta Education guidelines and regulations.
2. French as a Second Language will be offered to all students, commencing in Grade 4.
 - 2.1 FSL instruction will be mandatory for all students in Grades 4 through 6 as per Alberta Education guidelines.
 - 2.2 FSL instruction will be an option for students in Grades 7 through 12 as per Alberta Education guidelines.
3. The Division will offer both a nine (9) and a three (3) year program.
 - 3.1 If students do not begin in Grade 4, they will not normally be allowed to start the program again until Grade 10, when they would enroll in the three (3) year program.
 - 3.2 Students transferring to the Division, that have not taken French previously, will be allowed to start the program, up to and including Grade 7, with the permission of the Principal.