

# CONVERSATION STEMS FOR COUNSELLORS

View a video of a guidance counsellor discussing their role at [The Importance of Collaboration](#) (discussion begins at 16:30-20:05).

Sometimes guidance counsellors need support in negotiating conversations for retaining students in the two optional FSL programs (Extended French, French Immersion) and in supporting students pathway planning in Core French until grade 12.



Using the conceptual framework for Career and Life Planning, applying an FSL lens to these can help students see the benefits in completing their program.

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## GOALS FOR FSL IN ONTARIO (A FRAMEWORK FOR FSL IN ONTARIO SCHOOLS - 2013)

**GOAL 1:** Increase student confidence, proficiency, and achievement in FSL.

**GOAL 2:** Increase the percentage of students studying FSL until graduation

**GOAL 3:** Increase student, educator, parent, and community engagement in FSL.

## WHO AM I?

- What are your goals for post secondary? (workplace, college or university bound)
- What have you enjoyed in your FSL classes/FSL program?
- What opportunities has FSL given you up until now? What transferable skill have you gained from learning French?

## WHAT ARE MY OPPORTUNITIES?

- Do you know how many more credits you need to complete your FSL program?
- Do you know that your pathway can be flexible and we can aim to fit a variety of courses into your individual pathway plan?
- Do you know that there are opportunities outside of the regular school year to attain these credits (e.g.: night school, summer school, exchange or bursary programs)
- Have you ever considered the transferable skills that could help you achieve your post-secondary or career goals?

## WHAT DO I WANT TO BECOME?

- In your career plan, have you ever considered how French might help you interact with another person who might not speak English?
- From your experience in learning French, how might you be able to interact with someone who does not speak French or English? What strategies have you learned in your immersion program that will help you in a future career?

## WHAT IS MY PLAN FOR ACHIEVING MY GOALS?

- Do you know how many more credits you need to complete your FSL program?
- Take a moment to create your Individual Pathway Plan (IPP) for each of your years in secondary school. Be sure to include your FSL credits and your pre-requisite requirements to meet your post secondary goals and requirements.