

# THE PROGRAMS IN FRENCH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

The three FSL programs are designed to provide students with different levels of intensity in the development of students' French-language knowledge and skills, as follows:

**Core French.** Students are taught French as a subject.

**At the elementary level,** Core French is mandatory from Grades 4 to 8 for all students in English-language elementary schools. Students entering Grade 4 must receive French instruction in every year from Grade 4 to Grade 8 and must have accumulated a minimum of 600 hours of French instruction by the end of Grade 8. Once an instructional sequence has begun, the program must continue uninterrupted to Grade 8.

**At the secondary level,** academic, applied, and open courses are offered in Core French in Grades 9 and 10; university preparation and open courses are offered in Grades 11 and 12.

**Extended French.** Students are taught French as a subject, and French serves as the language of instruction in at least one other subject.

**At the elementary level,** French must be the language of instruction for a minimum of 25 percent of the total instructional time at every grade level of the program and provide a minimum of 1260 hours of instruction in French by the end of Grade 8. The program must include the study of French as a second language and the study of at least one other subject taught in French. That subject must be selected from the following: the arts, social studies (Grades 1 to 6) or history and geography (Grades 7 and 8), mathematics, science and technology, and health and physical education.

**At the secondary level,** there are academic courses in Extended French in Grades 9 and 10, and university preparation courses in Grades 11 and 12. In the Extended French program, students accumulate seven French as a Second Language credits in French: four are for FSL courses; three are for other subjects in which French is the language of instruction. Schools may grant a certificate in Extended French if the student fulfils these requirements.

**French Immersion.** Students are taught French as a subject, and French serves as the language of instruction in two or more other subjects.

**At the elementary level,** French must be the language of instruction for a minimum of 50 per cent of the total instructional time at every grade level of the program and provide a minimum of 3800 hours of instruction in French by the end of Grade 8. French Immersion programs must include the study of French as a second language and the study of at least two other subjects taught in French. These two subjects must be selected from the following: the arts, social studies (Grades 1 to 6) or history and geography (Grades 7 and 8), mathematics, science and technology, and health and physical education.

**At the secondary level,** there are academic and applied courses in French Immersion in Grades 9 and 10, and university preparation and open courses in Grades 11 and 12. In the French Immersion program, students accumulate ten credits in French: four are for FSL courses; six are for other subjects in which French is the language of instruction. Schools may grant a certificate in French Immersion if the student fulfils these requirements.

	CORE FRENCH	EXTENDED FRENCH	FRENCH IMMERSION
<b>ELEMENTARY LEVEL</b>			
Hours of Instruction (minimum)	600	1,260	3,800
Additional Subjects Taught in French (minimum)	0	1	2
<b>SECONDARY LEVEL</b>			
Courses Offered	Academic, applied, and open courses are offered in Core French in Grades 9 and 10; university preparation and open courses are offered in Grades 11 and 12.	Academic courses in Extended French in Grades 9 and 10, and university preparation courses in Grades 11 and 12.	There are academic and applied courses in French Immersion in Grades 9 and 10, and university preparation and open courses in Grades 11 and 12.
Credits Accumulated	Dependent on individual student pathway	7 French as a Second Language credits in French: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 4 are for FSL courses</li> <li>- 3 are for other subjects in which French is the language of instruction.</li> </ul>	10 credits in French: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 4 are for FSL courses</li> <li>- 6 are for other subjects in which French is the language of instruction.</li> </ul>
Certificate Granted if Student Fulfills Requirements	No	Extended French	French Immersion

The elementary school curriculum for Core French, Extended French, and French Immersion is designed to prepare students for success in the corresponding program at the secondary level. The expectations that form the basis of the secondary school curriculum build on the knowledge and skills that students acquire in their elementary programs.

The principal has the right to permit individual students to enrol in a course for which they may not have the entrance requirements if they have achieved the necessary language competence through other means.

Please see the excerpt taken from the [Ontario Curriculum : French as a Second Language \(2013\)](#), pp. 15-16.

Please see the excerpt taken from the [Ontario Curriculum Grades 9 to 12 : French as a Second Language \(2014\)](#), pp. 15-16.