

# IMPORTANCE OF GUIDANCE AND CAREER EDUCATION AND FSL

## WHAT MIGHT GUIDANCE AND CAREER EDUCATION TEACHERS NEED TO KNOW TO SUPPORT FSL PROGRAMS IN THEIR SCHOOL?

### **FSL offers students greater opportunity :**

- to further develop literacy skills and have higher achievement in first-language competency
- to gain a heightened sense of respect for and valuing of cultural diversity
- to build resiliency through problem-solving
- to improve career opportunities and greater earnings potential

### **Career and Life Planning**

- The CEFR allows students to self-assess their confidence and proficiency in FSL
- Universities in Canada may recognize a Diplôme d'études de langue française (DELF) at the B1 level as proof of French language proficiency
- Universities in France may recognize a Diplôme d'études de langue française (DELF) at the B2 level as proof of French language proficiency
- Taking the Diplôme d'études de langue française (DELF) exam has many other benefits, which you can review on [Destination DELF Ontario's Parent Portal](#).
- There are many opportunities for experiential exchanges through community partners in the summer

## Importance of partnerships between Guidance and Career Education and FSL

- FSL programs have evolved. Spontaneity, proficiency, authenticity and confidence development in language use are driving forces for program planning
- FSL programming has defined entry points. French Immersion, Extended French and Core French all start at different points in a student's educational pathway and are tracked differently at the elementary and secondary level. Consultation with the FSL teacher and providing families with policy based information is important in supporting informed decision making.
- FSL is for all students. Conversations with the FSL teacher will support retention in FSL programs and how accommodations will support the success of the students. View [The Importance of Collaboration](#) (discussion of Creating IEPs at 4:32-5:25, academic transitions at 6:39-10:08).