

EDUCATION: PROGRAMS

Policy 512.4-R (previously 602.4-R)

French Programs

1. The Board authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to offer French language learning programs and establish assessment (formative and summative) and reporting requirements according to existing and appropriate provincial policies, provincial regulations and ministerial orders. As well, the Board authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to set admission procedures for the French Immersion programs.
2. Core French, Grades 5 to 12 of an educational program, enables students to acquire basic skills in the language.
 - a. Core French is a prescribed curriculum for Grades 5 – 8.
 - b. Core French is an elective language option for Grades 9 – 12.
 - c. In some educational settings, students in Grades 4 may participate in Core French language instruction.
3. French Immersion programs offers students the opportunity to acquire proficiency in the language. Admission procedures for French Immersion programs are outlined in *Policy 501.8 Guidelines: Student Admission, Registration, Placement & Transfer*.
 - a. Early French Immersion begins in Kindergarten. The BC curriculum is instructed in French from K – Grade 2. From Grades 3 – 7, English Language Arts instruction is introduced, with approximately 80% of the BC curriculum taught in French.
 - b. Late French Immersion begins in Grade 6. In Grade 6 LFI, the BC curriculum is instructed in French. In Grade 7, English Language Arts, is introduced with approximately 80% of the BC curriculum taught in French.
 - c. French Immersion Programs continue in secondary school for Grades 8 - 12. In grades 8 – 10, 50%- 75% of the BC curriculum is taught in French. In Grades 11 – 12, no less than 25% of the curriculum is taught in French.
4. Transportation for students enrolled in French Immersion Programs K-12 is the responsibility of the families as transportation assistance will not be provided by the school district.
5. The District will ensure that all French language programs adhere to existing and appropriate provincial policies, provincial regulations and ministerial orders.
 - a. For further Ministry of Education information about French Language Programs go to British Columbia’s Ministry of Education website or use the following link: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/ways-to-learn/french-programs/policies-funding-and-statistics/policies-official-documents>
6. The District is committed to attract, retain, and support the highest quality employees to fulfill the mandate of the French language programs in support of providing quality education to the students of the Richmond School District.