

## Administrative Procedure 211

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### French as a Second Language

#### Background

The district encourages opportunities for all students to learn French through French as a Second Language (FSL) courses. The district supports the goals of the Ontario Framework of French as a Second Language: to increase student confidence, proficiency and achievement in FSL, to increase the percentage of students studying FSL until graduation and to increase student, educator, parent and community engagement in FSL. Research shows that second language learning strengthens first-language skills, enhances problem-solving and reasoning skills and supports the acquisition of sound literacy skills.

#### Procedure

The following procedures shall be followed in elementary schools in Renfrew County District School Board:

#### Elementary Schools

##### Program and Procedures

1. French as a second language shall be provided for all students enrolled in regular classes from kindergarten to grade three as specified in *French Core Supporting Teaching and Learning Grade 1-3* (September 2014). French as a second language shall be provided for all students enrolled in regular classes from grades four to eight as specified in *The Revised Ontario Curriculum: French as a Second Language: Core French – Grades 4 – 8* (2013).
2. In addition to French as a Second Language core program in schools, a French Immersion or Extended program may be introduced subject to the approval of the Director or designate, by March 31<sup>st</sup>.
3. With the approval from the Director or designate a parallel extended program (with a minimum of 25% of the instruction in French) shall not be introduced in an immersion (with a minimum of 50% of the instruction in French) school or its feeder schools.

## **Secondary Schools**

1. French as a second language shall be provided for students at the secondary level as specified in the Ontario Secondary Schools (OS) and its supporting document, The Ontario Curriculum – Grades 9 and 10: French as a Second Language – Core, Extended and Immersion French.
2. French as a second language programs shall be offered at grades 9 and 10.
3. French as a second language programs may be offered in grade eleven and twelve levels.
4. Secondary schools shall endeavour to provide an extended program subject to sufficient enrolment and interest.

## **Exemptions From Instruction**

A student may be exempted from Core French Language Instruction in consideration of his or her learning needs.

Every effort is to be made to provide all students with an FSL program that meets their individual learning styles and needs. Teachers are encouraged to differentiate instruction to facilitate the participation and success of all learners. Some students may require extensive accommodations or modifications. In cases where a school team feels that a student may need to be considered for a French exemption, the principal of special services should be consulted. Students must have a program provided in lieu of Core French.

## Legal Reference

*Education Act S. 8*

*Ontario Regulation 298—Operation of Schools S. 11; S. 20*