

English Program

The Ottawa-Carleton District School Board's English Program allows students to concentrate on English language skills. This program is available from grade 1 to graduation. Like all OCDSB programs it is child-centred, it stresses proficiency in all subject areas, and it allows students to develop a high level of communication skills in the English language. In this program English is the language of instruction for all subjects other than French.

At the elementary level the subjects taught are: Language, Mathematics, Science and Technology, Social Studies, History, Geography, Health and Physical Education, The Arts, and Core French.

At the secondary level courses may be offered in the following subjects: English, Mathematics, Science, Classical and International Languages, Native Languages, Native Studies, English as a Second Language and English Literacy Development, Technological Education, Canadian and World Studies, Social Studies and the Humanities, Core French, The Arts, Health and Physical Education, Guidance and Career Education, and Business Studies.

Core French

Following the two-year 50/50 bilingual kindergarten program, students may choose to enter the English Program in grade 1. Core French is an integral part of the English Program. French is taught for the equivalent of 200 minutes per week from grades 1 to 8 inclusive.

The principal aim of the Core French Program is to provide students with fundamental communication skills in French and an understanding of the nature of the language and its culture. Core French offers students the chance to develop a usable command of the French language. As with all FSL programs, Core French is a pathway to bilingualism.

This program is mandatory for all elementary students not enrolled in French Immersion. Every student enrolled in the English Program has access to French Immersion programs starting in grade 1 (Early French Immersion), or grade 4 (Middle French Immersion).

At the secondary level Core French is a single credit course (110 hours) and is offered at all levels from grades 9 to 12. In keeping with Ministry of Education requirements, French is compulsory in grade 9.

For More Information on:

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Contact your school.

Immersion Programs

Contact your school or see our factsheet (French as a Second Language Programs) which covers the various programs that are available.

Before parents make a final decision, they are encouraged to discuss the choice of program with appropriate school staff and other professionals.



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