

Will my child's English skills be affected?

Research shows that bilingual children are flexible thinkers. They have a well-developed sense of language, and often stronger English skills. Children begin formal English language instruction in Grade 3 and soon catch up with their peers in English programs. Your child should leave elementary school with a thorough grounding in both languages.

Can my child(ren) enter the French Immersion program at any grade level?

Parents / Guardians who want their child(ren) to enter the French Immersion program should contact the school directly.

It is possible to enter the program at any grade level, however, a late grade entry may make the transition from an English to French Immersion program challenging. The school administration will discuss the program in detail with the child and family before registration occurs.

Studies suggest that learning a second language can enhance cognitive and intellectual abilities.

Source: The Canadian Parents for French Organization

For More Information

If you are interested in registering your child(ren) in French Immersion programming, or would like additional information, please contact:

Ecole St. Henry's Jr. School K-5
840 Main Street, Melville
Ph: (306) 728 4758

St. Henry's Sr. School 6-9
1255 Prince Edward St., Melville
Ph: (306) 728-3877

St. Michael's School K-8
407 Darlington Street E., Yorkton
Ph: (306) 782-4407

Sacred Heart High School 9-12
280 Gladstone Ave. N, Yorkton
Ph: (306) 783-3128

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**French Immersion Program
Information for Parents**



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French Immersion

Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools is committed to offering our parents and students a French Immersion program option. It is designed to provide students with the opportunity to become functionally bilingual – to be able to communicate effectively in French



Admission to French Immersion

The French Immersion program is available to all students in our Melville and Yorkton schools beginning in Grade 1. In Melville, both St. Henry's Jr. School (K-5) and St. Henry's Sr. School (6-9) offer French Immersion programming. In Yorkton, St. Michael's School (K-8) and Sacred Heart High School (9-12) provide French Immersion programming. In Yorkton, transportation will be provided for students registered in French Immersion programming

Benefits of learning a second language

Research tells us that learning a second language has a valuable impact on students, in addition to developing bilingualism.

There is an intellectual impact:

Students fluent in two languages score higher on verbal and non-verbal intelligence and they are superior in divergent thinking tasks.

There is a scholastic impact:

Students have higher test scores in reading, language, and math.

There is an impact on the first language:

Second language education enhances the first language skills in reading, vocabulary, and communication.

There is an impact on citizenship:

Second language learners have superior cross-cultural skills, adapt better to varying cultural contexts, and display greater cultural sensitivity.

There is an economic impact:

Second language learners are better equipped to compete in global markets. In this age of information where the economy depends more on knowledge and innovation, communication is key.



Frequently Asked Questions

Is my child a good candidate for French Immersion?

Your child should:

- Have good speaking skills
- Have good listening skills
- Follow instructions well

Will my child be bilingual?

By the end of Grade 12, students who do well in the program will be able to communicate competently in oral and written French for general business and personal purposes.

Can I support my child even if I don't speak French?

Many parents of French Immersion students have few or no French language skills. Even so, you can:

- Read to your child regularly
- Have your child read to you in both languages
- Continue to communicate regularly in your first language
- Help your child develop a solid knowledge of English sounds, vocabulary, and mathematical concepts
- Invest in a good French / English dictionary and a book of verbs.
- Have your child explain homework and share what s/he has learned.
- Expose your child to French outside of school (books from the library, radio, TV, etc.)
- Become involved with Canadian Parents for French (www.cpf.ca)

