



“I am proud to be a teacher in French Immersion. Coming from a family with no background in French, my parents believed that by learning a second language it would open up many doors for my future. They were right! The French Immersion Program was a life-changing experience for me. It taught me how to grow, not only academically, but socially and emotionally as well.”

– Melissa Myers, Teacher



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French Immersion Program in the Louis Riel School Division



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If you have other questions or need additional information, please contact the Principal at one of the French Immersion schools or visit our website at www.lrsd.net.



Speaking an additional language expands opportunities to experience original literature, films and music from many francophone countries. Learning a second language also presents an intellectual challenge and the opportunity to learn about other cultures. It enhances students' self-esteem, responsibility for learning and independence.

French Immersion

- It is an officially recognized program of studies in the Manitoba public school system.
- The goals of French Immersion are to help young people proudly interact in French independently and spontaneously, and to see themselves as part of the Francophone community. Additionally, French Immersion empowers young people to engage as Canadian citizens in both official languages, thereby increasing their access to other languages and cultures.
- It is an opportunity open to all students registering for Kindergarten or Grade 1.
- It has the same essential graduation requirements as the English program.
- It is an opportunity to learn and appreciate the French culture.
- In keeping with peers in the English program, children in the French Immersion program acquire “academic, social and career skills; and the life management skills that future citizens will need to develop their individual potential.”
- It is a door to the future, creating opportunities for travel, study and career choice.

The French Immersion Program in the Louis Riel School Division

- All subjects are taught in French.
- The English Language Arts program begins in Grade 2 and comprises 20 to 25 per cent of the entire instructional time, as mandated by Manitoba Education.
- The teacher speaks French in all grades. Initially the children respond in English, but are encouraged to express themselves in French.
- Oral expression (listening and speaking) is emphasized in all grades.

Did you know?

- French Immersion first began in Canada in 1965 as a well-researched experiment in St. Lambert, Quebec. • The first French Immersion school in Manitoba opened its doors in 1973.
- More than 377,000 (2013) young Canadians are learning a second language in French Immersion schools.
- Canada is a world leader in second language learning because of the attention, research and development devoted to second language acquisition.
- French is spoken by over between 220 and 300 million people worldwide.
- Graduates of French Immersion Programs may choose to continue their postsecondary education in French.
- Parents of French Immersion students can become members of Canadian Parents for French.
- French is spoken in 53 countries and it is an official language of 29 countries.



“Learning French was the best decision I ever made. It gives you more opportunities in life!”

– Noah, Grade 9 Student

“We chose the French Immersion Program for our son and daughter to enable them to lead a bilingual path filled with opportunities.”

– Ken & Brianne Pearase, Parents

French Immersion Schools in the Louis Riel School Division

- The Louis Riel School Division offers its French Immersion Program in total immersion, “French milieu settings”.
- All school activities, except for those related to English Language Arts, are conducted in French.
- Staff members are bilingual and communicate in French to provide a French atmosphere for the children.
- Communication between the home and the school remains in English.

Schools	Address	Phone
École George-McDowell (6-8)	366 Paddington Rd. R2N 1R1	(204) 253-1492
École Guyot (K-6)	400 Willowlake Cres. R2J 3K2	(204) 257-2540
École Henri-Bergeron (4-8)	363 Enfield Cres. R2H 1C6	(204) 233-7079
École Howden (K-6)	150 Howden Rd. R2J 1L3	(204) 257-0656
École Julie-Riel (K-5)	316 Ashworth St. R2N 2L7	(204) 253-2363
École Marie-Anne-Gaboury (K-8)	95 Pulberry St. R2M 3X5	(204) 253-9704
École Provencher (K-3)	320 ave. de la Cathédrale R2H 0J4	(204) 233-0222
École St. Germain (K-5)	77 John Forsyth Rd. R2N 1R3	(204) 254-0120
École Van Belleghem (K-8)	10 Vermillion Rd. R2J 2T1	(204) 255-1134
École Varennes (K-8)	22 Varennes Ave. R2M 0N1	(204) 253-1375
École Sage Creek School (K-8)	315 Sage Creek Blvd R3X 0H1	(204) 253-8199
Collège Béliveau (7-12)	296 Speers Rd. R2J 1M7	(204) 255-3205
Collège Jeanne-Sauvé (9-12)	1128 Dakota St. R2N 3T8	(204) 257-0124