

# Say Oui!

## to French Immersion and Core French

The Canadian government has set a **national objective** of **doubling** the proportion of secondary school graduates with a functional knowledge of their second official language by 2013.

Today's Canada contains a veritable **world** of people within its borders, and its two official languages, both a major presence on the international scene, enhance its competitiveness and its influence. Our linguistic duality means **better access** to markets and **more jobs** and **greater mobility** for workers. In that spirit, the Action Plan for Official Languages strives to **maximize** these advantages for all Canadians.

**The Next Act: New Momentum for Canada's Linguistic Duality.**  
The Action Plan for Official Languages.



Students who decide to **continue studying** French as a second language should know that they are **opening avenues** for their future.

**Andrew Muetze**  
Laurentian University Student  
French Immersion Graduate, Lockerby Composite School, Class of 2003

The importance of having a solid grasp of **French** in today's Canada and today's world has never been stronger or more pressing. Let's face it: French is an **international** language.

**John Lennard**  
Student, Laurentian University  
French Immersion Graduate  
Lasalle Secondary School, Class of 2003

Many of my high school classmates have used their French on a **daily basis**. Speaking French has proven to be extremely **beneficial** for us in our careers.

**Dr. Marcia Spooner**  
University of Ottawa, Medicine Program  
French Immersion Graduate  
Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School, Class of 1988

I would **encourage** students thinking of continuing their study of the French language to do so. The personal and professional benefits of being bilingual are **endless** and they are definitely **worth the effort**.

**Lisa Labrecque**  
French Immersion Teacher, Rainbow Schools  
French Immersion Graduate  
Lasalle Secondary School, Class of 1996

Never pass up an opportunity to learn a new skill and a **new language**. It only makes you **more marketable** and **opens up** new avenues of opportunity for your future.

**Christine Catt**  
Media and Communications Specialist, Science North  
French Immersion Graduate  
Confederation Secondary School, Class of 1994

To find out more about French Immersion/Core French Programs near you, contact your area Rainbow School.

SCHOOL	ADDRESS	PHONE
<b>ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS – SUDBURY AREA</b>		
Adamsdale Public School	181 First Ave.	705.566.6020
Alexander Public School (FI)	39 St. Brendan St.	705.675.5961
Algonquin Road Public School	2650 Algonquin Rd.	705.522.3171
C.R. Judd Public School	8 Lincoln St., Capreol	705.671.5953
Carl A. Nesbitt Public School (FI)	1241 Roy St.	705.566.3935
Chelmsford Public School (FI & EP)	121 Charlotte St.	705.671.5945
Chelmsford Valley District C.S. (Grade 7 & 8)	3594 Highway 144	705.675.0225
Churchill Public School	1722 Fielding St.	705.566.5130
Copper Cliff Public School	50 School St.	705.682.4721
Cyril Varney Public School	1545 Gary St.	705.566.2424
Ernie Checkers Public School (FI)	1570 Agincourt Ave.	705.566.7610
Lansdowne Public School (FI & EP)	185 Lansdowne St. N.	705.675.6451
Larchwood Public School	43 Main St., Dowling	705.671.5944
Levack Public School (FI & EP)	100 High St.	705.671.5943
Lively District Secondary School (Grade 7 & 8)	265 Fifth Avenue	705.692.3671
Long Lake Public School	4420 Long Lake Rd.	705.522.6168
MacLeod Public School	310 Laval St.	705.522.8040
Markstay Public School	7 Pioneer St. E.	705.671.5946
Monetville Public School	7099 Hwy 64 N.	705.898.2785
M.W. Moore Public School	Hwy 560, Shining Tree	705.263.2038
Northeastern Elementary School (FI & EP)	45 Spruce St., Garson	705.675.0204
Pinecrest Public School	1650 Dominion Dr., Hanmer	705.675.0200
Princess Anne Public School	500 Douglas St. W.	705.673.6516
Queen Elizabeth Public School	32 Dell St.	705.675.6198
R.H. Murray Public School	3 Henry St., Whitefish	705.671.5942
R.L. Beattie Public School (FI)	102 Loach's Rd.	705.522.7178
Redwood Acres Public School	4625 Carl St., Hanmer	705.675.0202
Valley View Public School (FI)	1840 Valleyview Rd.	705.671.5956
Walden Public School (FI & EP)	249 Sixth Ave, Lively	705.692.3602
Wanup Public School	Hwy 537	705.522.2671
Wembley Public School	408 Wembley Dr.	705.673.1381
Westmount Avenue Public School (FI)	511 Westmount Ave.	705.566.1770
<b>ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS – ESPANOLA AREA</b>		
A.B. Ellis Public School	128 Park St.	705.869.1651
S. Geiger Public School	355 Government Rd.	705.865.2052
Webbwood Public School	6 Minto St.	705.869.3751
<b>ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS – MANITOULIN ISLAND</b>		
Assignack Public School	134 Michael's Bay Rd.	705.368.7010
Central Manitoulin Public School	56 Yonge St.	705.368.7005
Charles C. McLean Public School	43 Hall St.	705.368.7015
Little Current Public School	18 Draper St.	705.368.2932
<b>SECONDARY SCHOOLS - SUDBURY AREA</b>		
Chelmsford Valley District C.S. (FI & EP)	3594 Highway 144	705.675.0225
Confederation Secondary School (FI & EP)	1918 Main Street	705.671.5948
Lasalle Secondary School (FI & EP)	1545 Kennedy Street	705.566.2280
Lively District Secondary School	265 Fifth Avenue	705.692.3671
Lockerby Composite School (FI & EP)	1391 Ramsey View Court	705.522.1750
Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School (FI & EP)	275 Loach's Road	705.522.2320
M.W. Moore Secondary School	Hwy 560, Shining Tree	705.263.2038
Sudbury Secondary School (FI & EP)	85 Mackenzie Street	705.674.7551
<b>SECONDARY SCHOOL - ESPANOLA AREA</b>		
Espanola High School	147 Spruce Street	705.869.1590
<b>SECONDARY SCHOOL - MANITOULIN ISLAND</b>		
Manitoulin Secondary School	107 Bay Street, M'Chigeeng	705.368.7000

FI – These schools offer the French Immersion Program which provides a balance of English and French instruction.  
FI & EP – These schools offer the French Immersion Program as well as the English Program.  
All other schools offer the English Program. The English Program includes Core French.

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## French Immersion

French Immersion, which provides an intensive second language learning experience in Rainbow Schools, immerses students in the French language including cultural experiences. The French Immersion program provides students with the skills they need to communicate in a second language, thereby enhancing their ability to perform effectively and meet with success in a rapidly changing global economy.



### Elementary Schools

Junior Kindergarten	25 per cent of instruction is in French at the beginning of the year with gradual progression to 100 per cent by the end of the year.
Senior Kindergarten	Teachers speak French all of the time, with the exception of a 20-minute English literacy block daily. Students are encouraged to respond in French as much as possible.
Grades 1 and 2	100 per cent of the classroom instruction is in French, with the exception of a 20-minute English literacy block.
Grades 3 and 4	French language arts, mathematics, social studies, health, physical education, music, art and technology are taught in French and English language arts and science are taught in English.
Grades 5 to 8	French language arts, social studies (history, geography), music, art, physical education and health are taught in French while English language arts, science, and mathematics are taught in English.

### Secondary Schools

Upon graduation	<p>Students in Rainbow Schools may obtain a French Immersion Certificate upon graduation by completing a minimum of ten courses taught in French.</p> <p>These include four Immersion French courses plus six other courses taught in French from a wide variety of choices - physical education and health, Canadian geography, Canadian history, civics, career studies, dramatic arts, business studies, social sciences and the humanities, Canadian and world studies, music, visual arts, science, technological education and co-operative education.</p>
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## Core French

Core French, offered daily as part of the regular English program in Rainbow Schools beginning in Grade 1, develops basic communication skills in French and an understanding of the nature of the language. The Core French program offers students a valuable educational experience and the opportunity to develop a basic usable command of the French language that can be expanded through further study or contact with French-speaking people.



The language base that I retained from the Core French program allowed me to **quickly** and **easily transition** to my second language, while instilling a **feeling of confidence**.

Captain Chloëann Summerfield  
Canadian Armed Forces, Valcartier, Québec  
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Core French Graduate, Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School, Class of 2000

“Having more than one language means having **more opportunities** here in Canada and abroad. It also expands our world view and our **potential**. It is the underpinning of social tolerance.”

Pandora Topp  
Professional Artist and Entrepreneur  
Core French Graduate, Lockerby Composite School, Class of 1989

## Benefits of Learning a Second Language

- Increases cognitive abilities, creating a more flexible thinker
- Improves overall school performance and develops superior problem-solving skills
- Increases listening skills, learning skills and self-confidence
- Enhances first language development
- Develops an appreciation of other cultures and a more inclusive child
- Gives access to a larger pool of information and greater educational and career opportunities
- Provides a competitive advantage in the global market



## Yes, you can help!

- Read to your child daily in any language
- Encourage your child to listen to French television and radio
- Monitor the completion of homework
- Take advantage of community, after school and sports programs offered in French
- Log on to [rainbowschools.ca](http://rainbowschools.ca) and click on Homework Helper
- Consult the Canadian Parents for French website at [www.cpf.ca](http://www.cpf.ca)

