

## **FRENCH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (FSL)**

### **Background**

The Division believes that, whenever feasible, opportunities will be provided for all students to learn French by making available French Second Language (FSL) courses.

### **Procedures**

1. FSL courses will be provided in all schools for students in Grades 4 through 6.
2. FSL will be optional to students Grades 7 through 12.
3. FSL must be presented to students as a choice on their option forms every year. If numbers warrant and qualified staff are available, the course offering will be provided. Combination classes should also be considered.
4. This programming option will be reviewed every year by school administration and Division Office staff to ensure that student needs and requests are being considered.
5. In accordance with the recommendations outlined by Alberta Education, schools are to strive for the following time allocations:
  - 5.1 90 hours per year in Grades 4 through 6;
  - 5.2 75 hours per year in Grades 7 through 9; and
  - 5.3 125 hours per course in Grades 10 through 12.
6. Staff responsible for the delivery of the FSL program must demonstrate a high level of oral and written proficiency, and be conversant with second language teaching knowledge and practice.

Reference: Section 17, 18 Education Act  
Guide to Education ECS to Grade 12  
Alberta Education, FSL Program of Studies

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