

EASTERN SCHOOL DISTRICT

ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION

SUBJECT: **French Immersion**

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The following Administrative Regulation will govern the French Immersion Policy.

General Administration

1. Attendance zones for any new or existing French Immersion programs shall be determined by the Board Office staff in consultation with the administration of the school or schools affected. Attendance zones will normally be those designated in the specific regulations accompanying the French Immersion policy.
2. School administrators shall have the flexibility to combine classes or grades where appropriate in order to best serve the student population.
3. Dates and deadlines for registration in Early, Mid and Late French Immersion programs shall be determined by the Board Office staff. Consideration to staffing and determining the viability of any given immersion program are dependent upon information gathered during the registration period. Registration will normally occur during the month of February.
4. The instructional time in French, as determined by the Department of Education, shall be monitored and adhered to in each of the authorized French Immersion programs.

The Eastern School District will implement the District French Immersion Policy at selected sites as outlined in these regulations.

1. Early Immersion

A. Program Description

Early Immersion begins in grade 1 and continues through grade 12.

B. Registration

- 1) As parents register students for grade one they shall be made aware of the availability and location of French Immersion programs within the family of schools.

- 2) The District shall provide parent information sessions in Montague and Charlottetown. A description of the program shall be offered at these sessions.
 - 3) The District shall require that students entering Grade One Immersion be screened following registration. Where readiness screening indicates that the student may have serious difficulty with a second language program, the parent will be advised that enrollment in this program is not recommended.
- C. Attendance Zones
- Where the establishment of a program is warranted:
- 1) Students residing in the zone designated as the Montague Family shall attend classes at Montague Consolidated School.
 - 2) Students residing in the zone designated as the Souris Family shall attend classes at Souris Consolidated.
 - 3) Students residing in the zone designated as the Morell Family shall attend classes at Morell Consolidated.
 - 4) Students residing in the zone designated as the Bluefield Family shall attend classes at Westwood and Eliot River.
 - 5) Students residing in the zone designated as the Colonel Gray Family shall attend classes at Spring Park. Any review of zoning based upon the construction of a new school in West Royalty may result in a change to this location as the entry point for the Colonel Gray Family.
 - 6) Students residing in the zone designated as Charlottetown Rural Family shall attend classes at Sherwood Elementary with the exception of students in the Glen Stewart zone who shall attend classes at Glen Stewart Elementary.
 - 7) Classes may be established at other schools.
 - 8) Students residing in any family where Early French Immersion programs are not offered may apply to attend classes in another zone where these programs are available. The Board will not be responsible for the transportation of these students.

2. Mid Immersion

A. Program Description

Mid Immersion programs begin in Grade Four and continue through Grade Twelve. This program is offered only at Gulf Shore Consolidated School and has the status of an ongoing local pilot authorized by the Department of Education

B. Registration and Enrollment

- 1) The registration period for this program shall be set by the school administration of Gulf Shore Consolidated.
- 2) Students will be admitted to this program based upon a joint decision by parents and school administration. This decision shall take in to account the requirements of the program and the student's performance at earlier grade levels.

C. Attendance Zones

Where the establishment of a program is warranted:

- 1) Students presently attending the Gulf Shore School are the only students eligible to enroll.

3. Late Immersion

A. Program Description

Late Immersion begins at the Grade Seven level. The majority of the student's day is spent taking courses offered in the French language. At the Grade Nine level the time allocation is approximately 50 percent English and 50 percent French. Students leaving this program join the Early French Immersion students (continuing immersion) at the Grade Ten level.

B. Registration and Enrollment

- 1) Students at the Grade Six level shall be made aware of the Late French Immersion programs available in the District. District professional staff and school administrators shall be responsible for making students aware of this option.
- 2) The District shall provide an information session for parents and students at those locations where the program currently exists. This information session shall be provided prior to the registration dates.
- 3) The District shall provide an information session in those families of schools where this program does not currently exist if school principals indicate that there is evidence of interest in establishing such a program in that family. Board professional staff shall contact principals annually to determine whether an information session is appropriate.
- 4) Late Immersion programs are available to all students who have successfully completed Grade Six. Principals and teachers of students applying for this program shall examine the academic record and advise parents as to the suitability of this program for the individual student.
- 5) Students residing in any family where Late French Immersion programs are not offered may apply to attend classes in another zone where these programs are available. The Board will not be responsible for the transportation of these students.

C. Attendance Zones

Where the establishment of a program is warranted:

- 1) Students presently attending Central Queens, Eliot River, Englewood and Gulf Shore Schools are eligible to enroll at East Wiltshire Intermediate.
- 2) Students presently attending Parkdale, Prince Street and St. Jean Elementary Schools and students within the dual zones for St. Jean and West Kent are eligible to enroll at Birchwood Intermediate.
- 3) Students presently attending Spring Park, West Kent and West Royalty Elementary Schools and students within the dual zones for St. Jean and West Kent are eligible to enroll at Queen Charlotte Intermediate.
- 4) Students presently attending Glen Stewart, Donagh Regional, Sherwood, LM Montgomery and Grand Tracadie Elementary Schools are eligible to enroll at Stonepark Intermediate.

4. Continuing French Immersion - Intermediate Level

A. Program Description

Continuing French Immersion is the name given to those Immersion programs designed for students who have completed the Early French Immersion programs in Elementary Schools.

B. Registration and Enrollment

- 1) Registration in the designated Intermediate School is automatic and requires no action by the parent or student.

C. Attendance Zones

- 1) Students residing in the Colonel Gray Family shall attend the continuing French Immersion program at Queen Charlotte Intermediate School.
- 2) Students residing in the Charlottetown Rural Family shall attend the continuing French Immersion Program at Stonepark Intermediate School.
- 3) Students residing in the Bluefield Family shall attend the continuing French Immersion program at East Wiltshire Intermediate School.
- 4) Students residing in the Montague Family shall attend the continuing French Immersion program at Montague Intermediate School.
- 5) Students residing in Morell and Souris Families shall attend the continuing French Immersion program, if established, at the respective Consolidated schools.

5. Continuing French Immersion - High School Level

A. Program Description

The Senior High School Immersion programs are designed to accommodate those students who entered the Immersion programs at Early, Mid or Late entry points. Courses offered must be authorized by the Department of Education.

B. Registration and Enrollment

- 1) Those designated above are eligible to attend the immersion program at the high school level. Course selection will be done by students.

C. Attendance Zones

- 1) Immersion courses will be offered at the Senior High School designated as the attendance zone for any given student. These schools being Bluefield, Charlottetown Rural, Colonel Gray and Montague Senior High Schools.
- 2) Programs will be established at Morell and/or Souris High Schools should programs begin at Early or Late Entry points in the respective feeder schools in these zones.
- 3) Students residing in any family where Continuing French Immersion programs are not offered may apply to attend classes in another zone where these programs are available. The Board will not be responsible for the transportation of these students.
- 4) A certificate in French Immersion may be awarded to candidates successful at the Grade 12 level.

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