

## WHY LEARN A SECOND LANGUAGE?

When making educational choices for their children, more and more parents are recognizing that knowing a second language is an important skill in today's ever-shrinking world, and will be even more important in their children's future.

Consider the many advantages!

Imagine the opportunities for your child!

*Both my children attended French Immersion at East Lake school from Kindergarten to Grade 6. We loved the program and all the teachers. My boys are now both at the middle school and are fluent in French. It is a great program and I highly recommend it.*

- East Lake French Immersion Parent



## Resources

Canadian Parents for French  
[www.cpf.ca](http://www.cpf.ca)

Alberta Education Parent Information

[Kindergarten early literacy \(FRENCH LANGUAGE ARTS IN FRENCH IMMERSION\)](#)

[Yes! You can help!](#)



# East Lake School

## French Immersion



## How French Immersion Works

At East Lake, entry points are Kindergarten and Grade One. French is the language of instruction in all subjects during Kindergarten, Grade 1 and Grade 2. English Language Art is introduced in Grade 3 for one hour a day.

To enable students to become functionally fluent in French by the end of Grade 12, French immersion students will be able: *f* to participate easily and willingly in conversations in French; *f* to communicate in French for both personal and professional needs; *f* to pursue their post-secondary education in French; *f* to accept employment where French is the language of work.

## The learning advantage

French is a natural second language for many Canadians. Its strong presence throughout Canada makes it an important second language to learn,

Knowledge of a second language increases understanding and respect for other people and cultures. It increases educational opportunities through access to a wider range of educational institutions. Fluency in French provides a competitive edge in the Canadian job market.

### Did you know?

- French is one of Canada's official languages.
- French is spoken by about 200 million people worldwide.
- After English, French is spoken in more countries and more continents than any other language.
- Knowing another language increases knowledge of oneself.
- Early primary students are at an optimal age to learn a second language.

## Characteristics that define French Immersion (FI) Programs:

- French is acquired primarily by using it for meaningful communication within the school.
- Students can begin in FI with no prior French . The instructional strategies and materials are designed with that in mind.
- French Immersion begins with intensive instruction in French by teachers fluent in French.
- French Immersion students transfer French literacy skills to English reading & writing.
- MOST French Immersion parents do NOT speak French, you are not alone :)
- Parents can and do help their children in the program. Parent involvement helps children learn.

## Why French Immersion at East Lake?

East Lake School offers Christian, English and French Immersion Programs.

East Lake School is fortunate to have fantastic French Immersion teachers as well as a French speaking administrator.

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