



YK1 French Programs provide opportunities to:

- Experience other cultures
- Develop tolerance and respect for diversity
- Increase feelings of self-esteem and pride
- Participate in national and international exchanges and other multi-cultural projects
- Broaden knowledge of Canada's history, politics and development

Opportunities for students in YK1 Intensive/ Post-Intensive French Immersion Programs are further broadened to include:

- Learn in French-speaking environments
- Speak French with peers and French-speaking roles and models
- Strengthen English literacy skills
- Open doors to a broader range of choices in advanced education and career options
- Increase ability to master additional languages

French Immersion programs are designed for students whose first language is not French

Entry Point for students new to immersion: Junior Kindergarten, Kindergarten and Grade 1

Intake Levels for current French Immersion students new to YK1 can happen at any grade levels if students have enough French proficiency to follow the program.

Contact the YK1 District Office or our schools if you have any questions or want to learn more.

French Program offerings:

École J.H. Sissons

Single-track French Immersion School
(Junior Kindergarten-5) jhs.yk1.nt.ca

École William McDonald Middle School

Dual-track English and French Immersion
Intensive French (6 Option)
Post-Intensive French (7-8)
(6-8) wms.yk1.nt.ca

École Sir John Franklin High School

Dual-track English and French Immersion
Post-Intensive French
(9-12) sjf.yk1.nt.ca

Range Lake North School

Single-track English (Junior Kindergarten-8)
Intensive French (6) Post-Intensive French (7-8)
(Junior Kindergarten-8) rln.yk1.nt.ca

In addition, Core French is offered at all YK1 Schools with English-track programming beginning in Grade 1 including:

N.J. Macpherson School

Mildred Hall School

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French Programs



**French Immersion
Intensive French
Post-Intensive French
Core French**

Intensive French

Grade 6 Option • Range Lake North School and
École William McDonald Middle School

- Designed for students who have no previous, or limited, exposure to French language
- Up to 70% of programming provided in French for the first 5 months (Math instruction remains in English)
- Up to 23% 'Enhanced French' programming during the second 5 months when the language of instruction is English
- Project-based language acquisition

Post-Intensive French

Range Lake North School 7-8
École William McDonald Middle School 7-8
École Sir John Franklin High School 9-12

- Open only to students who successfully complete Grade 6 Intensive French, or have 1-2 years experience in French Immersion in early grades.
- Continue to develop French language communication skills
- Up to 230 hours per year of French programming

Core French

Grades 1 - 12 • All YK1 Schools with
English Track Programming

- Offered in YK1 schools as part of the English program
 - ~ Grade 1 to Grade 12
 - ~ 40-125 hours per year
 - ~ 2-5 times per week
- Familiarizes students with French language and culture
- Provides the opportunity for students to acquire some basic French language communication skills by the end of Grade 12

French Immersion

Entry Point: JK, Kindergarten and Grade 1
(Early Immersion)

Single-track:

- École J.H. Sissons (JK-5) Programs for a bilingual experience in a French environment
- Designed to help students develop a functional level of bilingualism by the end of Grade 12

•Dual-track:

École William McDonald Middle School (6-8)
École Sir John Franklin High School (9-12)
Both schools offer a French immersion program.

Immersion

- Entry Point: JK, Kindergarten & Grade 1
- K-2, All subjects taught in French
- Grade 3, English Language Arts instruction begins
- Grades 3 to 8, up to 80% of program is in French
- Grades 9-12, access to a full selection of French courses (Social Studies, Biology, Math, etc.)

Intake Options (Vary - available to current French Immersion students transferring from other schools)

Canadian Parents for French (CPF)

French programs are supported by Canadian Parents for French (CPF), a national volunteer-based organization of parents who value and promote French language learning opportunities.

www.cpf.ca or www.cpfnw.ca

Frequently asked questions

Why French Immersion?

French Immersion gives students the opportunity to develop the skills necessary to:

- Speak, write and understand French confidently
- Pursue studies, training and jobs in French or English
- Converse in French at home, at work, or when travelling
- Understand and appreciate French language and cultures

What are the common characteristics of students who are successful in French Immersion programs?

- Verbal
- Enjoys books
- Imitates easily
- Confident
- Risk taker
- Embraces new challenges

Are French Immersion students taught the same program as those in English?

YES!

- Curriculum outcomes are the same
- Instruction, texts and resources are in French
- Both programs follow curricula approved by the Northwest Territories Department of Education, Culture and Employment

What type of support is available to French Immersion students?

- Learning assistance (program support) similar to that of the English programs
- Support providers are bilingual

Join us on the Road of Bilingualism