

## Strategies

- 👉 DVDs can be played in French. Familiar movies that your child has seen are a good place to start. They know the story, so showing it in French will help them to listen in French. Subtitles can also be useful for students to help with French reading comprehension.
- 👉 French music can be a great resource to assist children in understanding the intonation and pronunciation of French vocabulary or sayings. Students can be exposed to a variety of oral French language models through music.
- 👉 Carrying on French conversations with teachers, peers, community members, etc.
- 👉 Travelling to destinations where French is one of the spoken languages encourages your child to use what they've learned in a "real-life" setting.
- 👉 Children should be encouraged to take risks when speaking, reading or writing in French.
- 👉 If your child is looking to find a part-time job, encourage your child to apply for positions where their French will be an asset to potential employers.



## Useful links

- 📄 Black Gold Regional Schools' Engaging Students website  
(<http://engagingstudents.blackgold.ca/>)
- 📄 Canadian Parents for French Alberta  
(<http://www.cpfalta.ab.ca>)
- 📄 Alliance Française Edmonton  
(<http://www.af.ca/edmonton>)
- 📄 Association Canadienne-française de l'Alberta  
([www.acfa.ab.ca/edmonton](http://www.acfa.ab.ca/edmonton))
- 📄 L'Association la Girandole  
d'Edmonton ([www.lagirandole.com](http://www.lagirandole.com))
- 📄 La Cité Francophone ([www.lacitefranco.ca](http://www.lacitefranco.ca))
- 📄 Fédération du sport francophone de l'Alberta  
([www.lafsfa.ca](http://www.lafsfa.ca))
- 📄 L'Uni Théâtre ([www.lunitheatre.ca](http://www.lunitheatre.ca))
- 📄 Société francophone des arts visuels de  
l'Alberta ([www.savacava.com](http://www.savacava.com))

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# French Immersion

## What to expect in Grades 7 - 9

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## French Immersion Program Guidelines

- ✓ Enrollment in French Immersion is a long term commitment.
- ✓ The French immersion program is designed for children whose first language is something other than French. Strong organizational skills, positive work habits and dedicated commitment contribute to the success of any program, regardless of the language of instruction or language spoken at home.
- ✓ A French Immersion student will have the same amount of homework as a student in the English program at the same level, plus homework associated with the French Language Arts program of studies.
- ✓ Maintaining a positive attitude towards the French Immersion program and your commitment to this choice for your child is helpful in promoting their feelings of success.

## Home Environment

- ◆ Success in school is strongly influenced by activities in the home and community which stimulate a child's imagination and intellect, enhance self-esteem, teach good work habits and provide motivation to learn and succeed.
- ◆ Creating a safe learning environment at home is important in assisting your child in succeeding.
- ◆ Dedicate a set amount of time each night for homework.
- ◆ Help your child stay organized by using a tool such as an agenda, a planner or a calendar.
- ◆ Set a designated space for homework (where all required materials may be kept and organized).



## Homework Expectations

Homework expectations in grades 7-9 are higher than in grades 4-6. While each teacher has their own homework philosophy, here is a guideline ...

- ✓ Whether in English or French Immersion, a child should be spending approximately 10 minutes per grade level on homework each night (for example, a student in grade 7 should expect to spend 70 minutes per night on homework).
- ✓ Homework may include completing assignments, reviewing daily work or notes, study skills, reading French texts, etc.

\*\* Teachers explain the concepts / directions associated with the assigned tasks in class and students are encouraged to complete their homework on their own. The teacher reviews homework to see what the child comprehends/understands in order to best meet the needs of their students.

\*\* Please check with your school directly to see what lunch hour/after school help is offered for students in French Immersion.

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## Resources

- 📖 *Yes, you can help! Information and Inspiration for French Immersion Parents.*, Alberta Education  
(<https://education.alberta.ca/parents/resources/youcanhelp.aspx>)
- 📖 French dictionaries
- 📖 French games
- 📖 French videos
- 📖 Scholastic Book Club—in French
- 📖 French CD's or music
- 📖 French books from the public library
- 📖 Canadian Parents for French
- 📖 French summer camps
- 📖 French magazine subscriptions
- 📖 French TV shows ( i.e. [www.tou.tv](http://www.tou.tv) or [www.radio-canada.ca/jeunesse](http://www.radio-canada.ca/jeunesse))
- 📖 French apps
- 📖 French TIC website  
(<http://engagingstudents.blackgold.ca/index.php/fi-tic/>)

