

## Administrative Procedure 212

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### FRENCH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (FSL)

#### Background

Since French is one of Canada's two official languages, many parents want their children to have opportunities to learn French. Learning French is considered important both to enhance opportunities for living and working throughout Canada and the world as well as to foster a greater understanding between French-speaking and English-speaking Canadians.

#### Procedures

1. Principals of all Division elementary schools shall ensure the availability of French as a Second Language programs at the upper elementary level, Grades 4 to 6.
2. All elementary students will receive some instruction in the French language.
3. Time allotments for the French as a Second Language (FSL) program will be in accordance with provincial requirements.
4. Concurrent registration at the senior high school level will be in accordance with provincial requirements/guidelines.
5. School staff members are encouraged to maintain liaison with local associations/agencies having an interest in the French as a Second Language Program.
6. The content of all FSL courses will be consistent with the scope and sequence provided by Alberta Education.
7. All FSL programs will be consistent with time specifications provided by Alberta Education.
8. Student evaluation in all FSL programs shall be consistent with Division administrative procedures.

Reference: Section 32, 33, 52, 53, 55, 196, 197, 204, 222 Education Act  
Section 23, Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms  
Guide to Education ECS to Grade 12