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## **FRENCH LANGUAGE PROGRAMS**

### **Background Information**

#### **A. FRENCH IMMERSION**

The French Immersion program was implemented at the Grade One level in September, 1980. The program was offered at Kindergarten to Grade Four as of September, 1983. The schedule for the continuation of the program was as follows:

- September 1985 - K-5
- September 1986 - K-6
- September 1987 - K-7
- September 1988 - K-8
- September 1989 - K-9

The program was offered at Ecole Prince Charles School following the dual-track concept. The program offered at the elementary level (K-6) followed the subject time guidelines for Early Total Immersion provided by the Bureau de L'Education francaise (Manitoba Education):

- 100% French in Kindergarten
- A minimum of 75% French in Grades 1-6, with the introduction of English Language Arts in Grade One, and formal French reading in Grade 2. Physical Education and Music instruction was offered in English as circumstances dictated.
- A minimum of 50% instruction in French in Grades 7, 8, and 9. Subjects offered in French were:
  - Francais                      22%
  - Mathematics                12%
  - Science                        12%
  - Social Studies               12%

Physical Education was to be offered in English or French as circumstances dictated.

To facilitate the linguistic goals of the Early Total Immersion program only a Kindergarten or Grade One point of entry was accepted. Students entering the program at later grade levels were expected to have equaled or surpassed the French Immersion experience gained by their counterparts already in the program in the School Division.

The maintenance of French linguistic skills were supported at the High School level by phasing in one Francais course annually at each level at Portage Collegiate Institute as follows:

- Grade 10 - September 1989
- Grade 11 - September 1990
- Grade 12 - September 1991



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The Division monitored the enrollment and level of interest in French Immersion courses at the High School level and considered revisions to the course offerings on an annual basis.

Transportation to and from Ecole Prince Charles School and Portage Collegiate Institute was the responsibility of the parents, other than for students who resided in rural areas of the Division.

**B. NON-IMMERSION FRENCH**

Effective September 1, 1991, the Division offered the Basic French Nine Year Program, Grades 4 to 12, as set forth by the Bureau de l'Education francaise.

As of September, 1984, all Junior and Senior High Schools offered 240 minutes of French instructional time per six-day cycle at every grade level. Programs followed the linguistic guidelines set out by the Bureau de l'Education francaise, transitionally called Conversational French, and offered as an option at the grade 9-12 levels.

French programs were compulsory at all schools in the Division in Grades 4-8, with the exception of the Hutterian Schools. Program modifications for students with special needs were considered on an individual basis.

**Current French Language Programs**

**A. FRENCH IMMERSION**

The French Immersion program is now offered as follows:

- Ecole Crescentview School - Dual Track Grades K-4
- Ecole Arthur Meighen School - Dual Track Grades 5-8
- Portage Collegiate Institute - a Francais course at levels 9-12 and additional courses as situations dictate

**B. NON-IMMERSION FRENCH**

The Basic French program is offered as outlined above.

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