



Sam Livingston School

French Immersion Program Information Evening

Thursday, January 19, 2023

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AGENDA

- Welcome and Introductions
- Presentation - Why French Immersion for your child?
- Question and Answer Period
- Classroom Visits



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INTRODUCTIONS

- Sanghamitra Dhar McKenty (Principal)
- Rayna Bergerman (Assistant Principal)
- Colleen Long (Kindergarten Teacher)
- Lea Willis (Kindergarten Teacher)
- Sara Mathieu (Grade 1 Teacher)
- Michelle Champagne (Admin Assistant)

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Benefits of Learning Another Language

- Sharing of a short video that will speak to this (brain elasticity)





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Similarities with Community School Programs

Similarities

- Alberta Programs of Study
- Develop intercultural competencies
- Daily PE
- Character
- Citizenship
- Personal Development

Alternative Programs



Why Alternative Programs?

Providing families choices in addition to community schools

French Immersion is considered an Alternative Program of Choice

This means the following are essential

- Regular punctual attendance
- Parental support

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Supporting Your Child in French Immersion ~ Attendance and Punctuality

- Language learning happens in person
- "By grade 3 students with chronic absenteeism are less likely to read at grade level." - CBE attendance document
- Foundational literacy and numeracy skills are often taught in the mornings

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Supporting Your Child in French Immersion ~ Learn Together

- French is not the prevalent language of the child's home
- Parents do not need to know French
- Parents encourage a positive attitude toward learning and speaking French
- Parents demonstrate a commitment to the program by supporting regular attendance
- Read and speak to them in their first language, these skills will transfer to French
- Visit the library, check out books and audio books, internet – online books, YouTube French songs, French programs and movies
- Sleep, nutrition and physical activity

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Elements of Language Program

- Meet the expectations for instructional time in the target language, learning Alberta Programs of Study content through the target language
- Develop intercultural competencies and communication skills
- Appreciation of French culture through school wide activities

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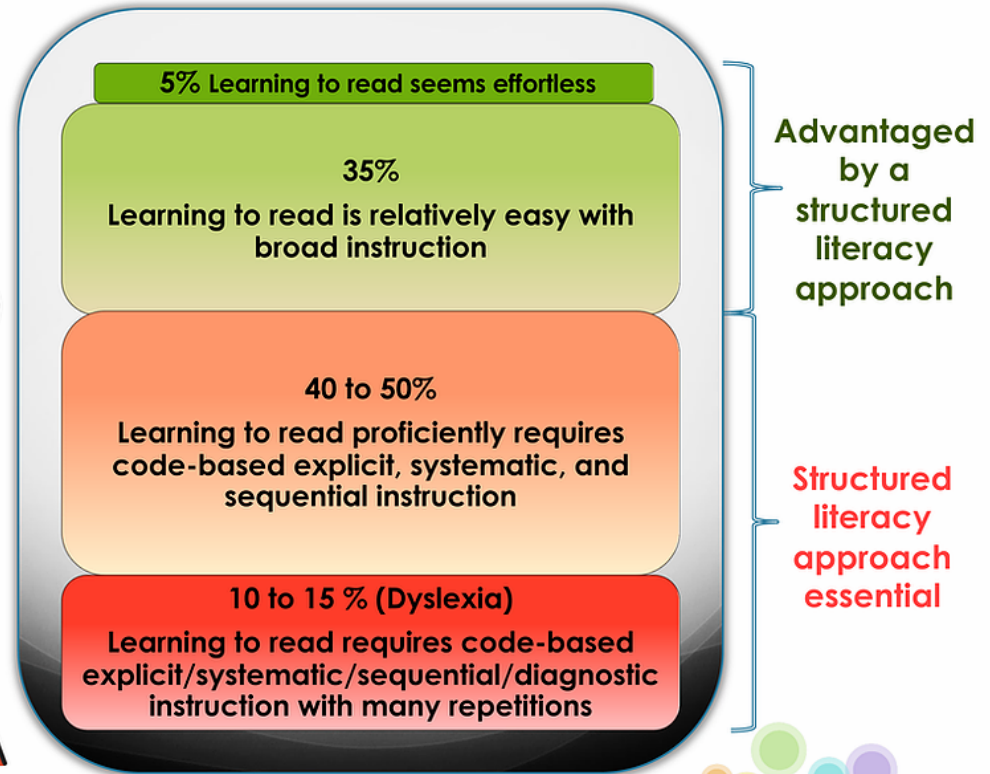


Strengths of the language program at Sam Differences

- Strong focus on development of language and culture
- Integrate language and culture into holistic, global perspective
- Grounded in current language research

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The Ladder of Reading



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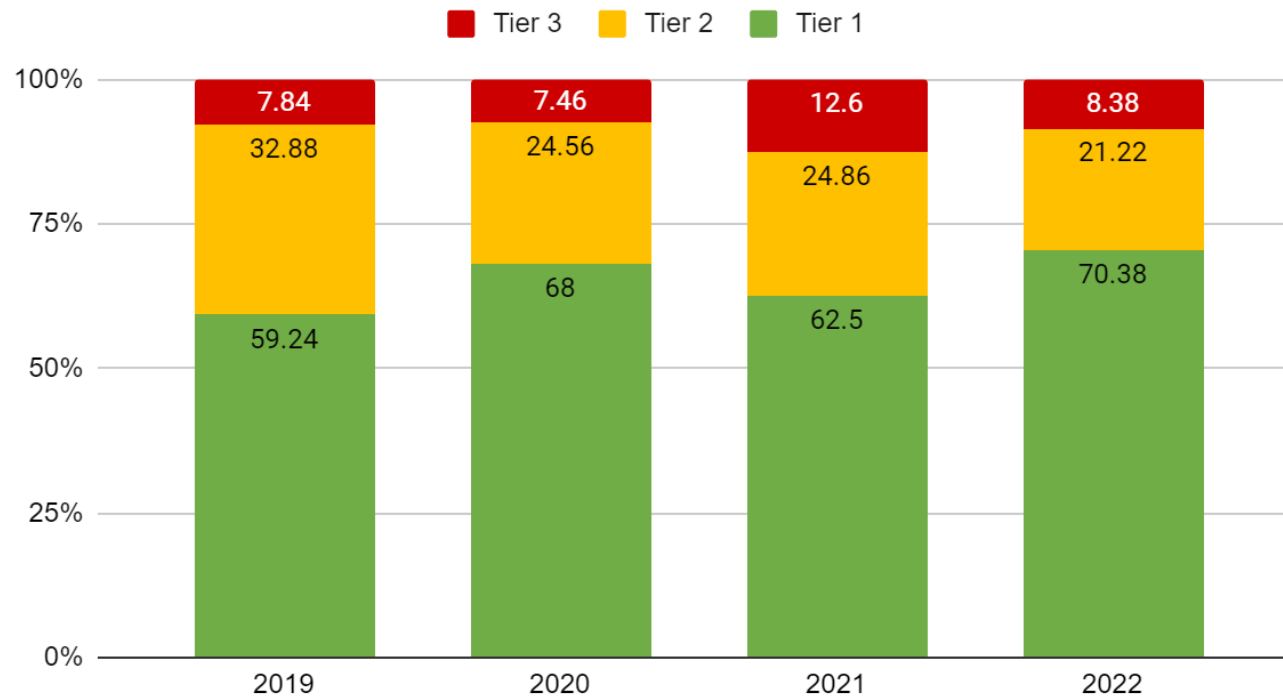
Response to Intervention goal:

Tier 1 = 80%

Tier 2 = 15%

Tier 3 = 5%

Sam Livingston Reading Scores



Cultural Days & Performances



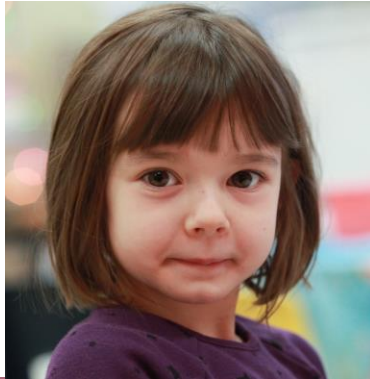
School-Wide Events





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Subject and Language Breakdown by Grade

- Kindergarten, Grade 1 and 2: All subjects are taught in French
- Grade 3: 80% French, 20% English (English Language Arts is introduced)
- Grades 4-6: 70% French, 30% English
- Grades 7-9: French Language Arts, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies are taught in French; all other subjects are taught in English
- Grades 10-12: French Language Arts, Social Studies are taught in French, Mathematics can be

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Skills developed over time as an Immersion Student:

- An interest in and passion for languages
- Characteristics that honour and respect cultural diversity
- An eagerness to develop intercultural awareness and a global mindset
- A sense of belonging in an active community within and beyond the school



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Our Feeder Schools

- Sam Livingston: K-4
 - In Lake Bonavista
- David Thompson: 5-9
 - In Acadia
- EP Scarlett: 10-12
 - In Canyon Meadows

KINDERGARTEN HOURS

Kindergarten will be half-days this year.

Your child will attend Monday-Thursday morning OR afternoon, with alternating Fridays.

AM hours: 8:00 am – 10:49 am

PM hours: 11:45 am – 2:34 pm

Fridays: 8:00 am – 12:02 pm

(These hours are subject to change.)

GRADES 1 – 4 HOURS

Monday – Thursday:

8:00 am – 2:34pm

Fridays:

8:00 am – 12:00 pm



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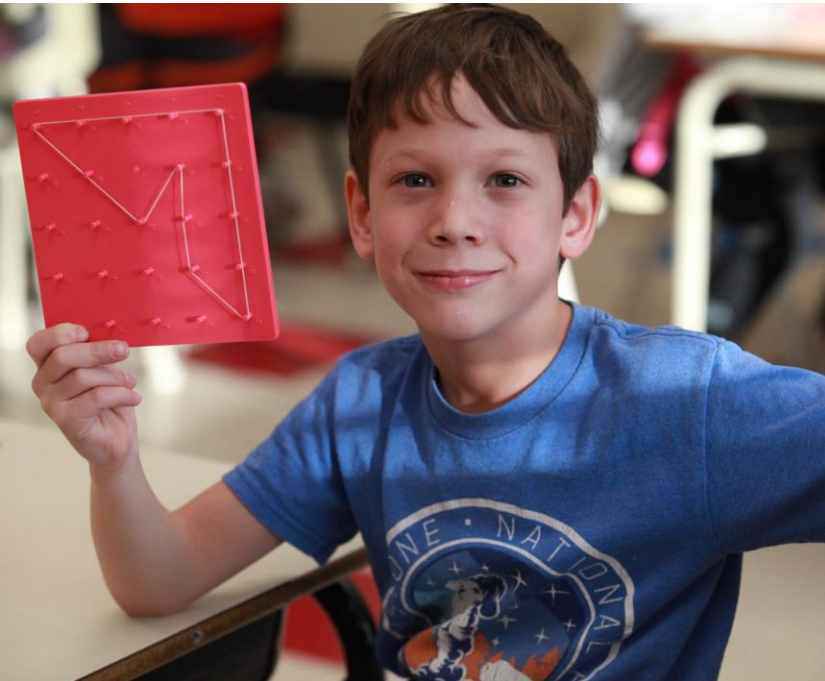
TRANSPORTATION



- K-6 yellow bus transportation provided following CBE congregated stop guidelines for alternative programs
- There is no midday Kindergarten bussing
- Parents pay an annual fee for CBE yellow bus service
- Congregated stops are reviewed annually and informed by pre-registration for transportation, online through [MyCBE/PowerSchool](#)
- Congregated stops may not be within walking distance and alternate arrangements may be required to access the congregated stop



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- transportation registration can only happen once you have registered for school and received a CBE Id # from the school (via phone)

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REGISTRATION PROCESS

- Opens January 16, 2023

Please reach out:

Michelle Champagne in the front office.

Mmmchampagne@cbe.ab.ca

403-777-6890

She will send you a detailed email that will guide you through the process of registration.

We are here to help with questions and concerns.

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RESOURCES

CBE Supports

[Video | French Immersion](#)

[Early French Immersion | Is French Immersion the right choice for my child?](#)

[Transportation Information for Alternative Programs of Choice](#)

A handbook for Parents -

<http://www.learnalberta.ca/content/mychildrenslearning/>

Yes, You Can Help! – A Guide for French Immersion Parent -

<https://education.alberta.ca/media/563591/yesyoucanhelp.pdf>

Parent Perspective

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Childcare Options



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**Sam Livingston
Kindergarten/ New Grade 1
Students
Orientation Evening**

May 18th, 2023 @ 6-7 pm



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