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Introductions and Agenda



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Alternative programs



- Providing families choices to meet the unique learning needs of each student
- Programs focus on a particular language, culture, subject (French, German, Mandarin, Spanish , Arts, Science), or teaching philosophy (ie. TLC)
- Informed choice is essential – what is THIS particular program about and how does it meet MY child's needs?

Benefits to learning another language

Additional Language learning enables students to further develop their literacy, problem-solving and memory skills while building confidence and pride in learning another language.



- Expands the intellect
- Teaches responsible citizenship
- Develops enhanced feelings of self-esteem and pride in having acquired an additional language
- Strengthens English literacy skills
- Encourages the joy of lifelong learning
- Promotes exploration, understanding and appreciation of the many different cultures around the world and contributes to multilingualism and multiculturalism
- Allows students to compete internationally
- Provides students with more choices for advanced education and career options
- Broadens students' cultural life through access to literature, art, music and theatre in another language



Watch your child
become fluent.

D is for ~~DUCK~~
canard

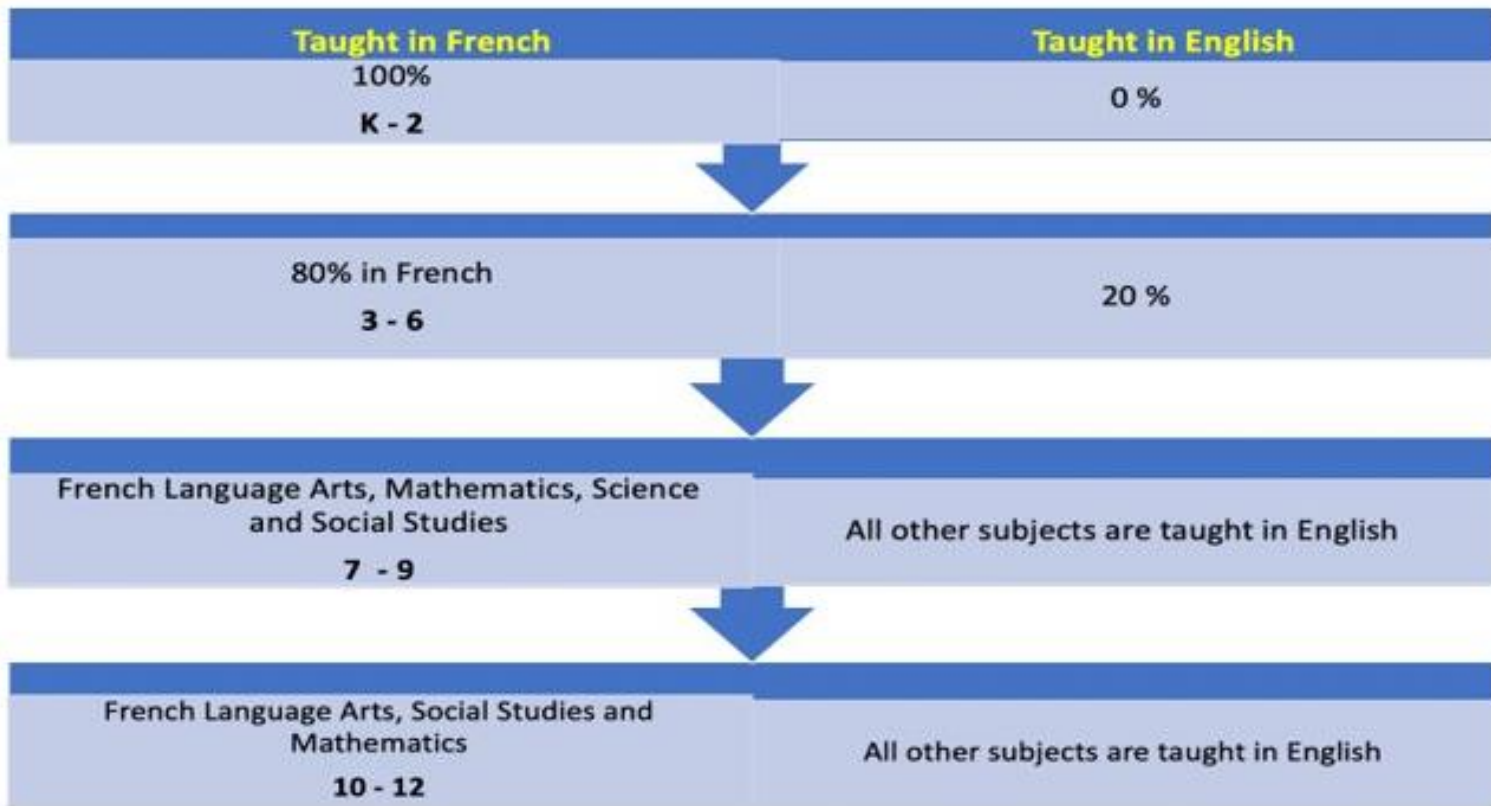


A French Immersion Education, Your Gateway to the World

Empowered. Globally competent. Equipped to actively participate in the world.

- French Immersion begins with a period of concentration on French language development so students can achieve a strong foundation in French.
- Opportunity to become functionally fluent and acquire multiliteracy skills in both languages





OPTIONAL:
The DELF - official qualifications awarded by the French Ministry of Education to certify the competency of candidates from outside France in the French language. These certificates are valid for life.

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Who Can Register

- Students entering kindergarten or Grade 1 can register
- Previous French experience is not required and parents do not need to know the language
- In the case of an alternate entry point, parents will reach out to the school directly to arrange an appointment for language assessment for suitable placement.
- **Registration is now open**

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Registration



All registrations will be completed through **SchoolEngage**.

- One **Kindergarten** registration form for **new to CBE students** that will include a question about alternative programs with branching questions if the answer is yes.
- One **Grade 1-9** registration form for **new to CBE students** that will include a question about alternative programs with branching questions if the answer is yes.
- One Grade 1-9 alternative program **expression of interest** form for **current CBE students**.
- The expression of interest form includes:
 - parent email and phone number as contact info
 - a drop down menu to indicate the school the student currently attends



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Transportation considerations

- K-5 yellow bus transportation provided following CBE congregated stop guidelines for alternative programs
- Parents pay an annual fee for CBE yellow bus service or purchase monthly Calgary Transit passes. Cost current year is \$130 for Kindergarten and grade 1-9 is \$260. *may change
- 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
- Please note there is no mid-day bussing for Kindergarten students. Friday bussing is available both ways.





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- How to get involved
- Volunteer opportunities



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Kindergarten Readiness

KINDERGARTEN BIRTHDATE CALCULATOR 2025-2026 REGISTRATION

Locate the child's birthdate in the chart below, then check the colour description below

2019	JAN	FEB	MAR	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	Students will be 6 in 2025
2020	JAN	FEB	MAR	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	Students will be 5 in 2025
2021	JAN	FEB	MAR	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	Students will be 4 in 2025

Blue Months - Child must be registered in Grade One.

Green Months - Child should be registered in Kindergarten*

Yellow Months - Child is eligible to start Kindergarten in 2025-2026 or 2026-2027 (later entry strongly encouraged)

Red Months - Cannot register as this child is too young (born after December 31, 2021 cutoff).

*Children born between September - December 2019 may register in Kindergarten or Grade One. We would strongly encourage children born during this time be registered in Kindergarten unless the child has prior ECS programming.



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Kindergarten Readiness

Learn about the school:

- Take your child to the school playground (when available)
- Attend the school's kindergarten information session (when available)
- Review the school website and events

Build your child's independence by encouraging them to:

- Dress themselves (zippers, buttons)
- Use the bathroom and wash their hands on their own
- Put away toys and help out in other small ways at home
- Make age-appropriate choices and solve problems independently
- Introduce themselves to new similar aged friends when out and about



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Kindergarten Readiness

Take time to talk with your child about everyday activities:

- Share special activities together, such as walks to the park
- Talk about what you are seeing and doing
- Talk, read, sing and play in your first language every day
- Praise children for their efforts and courage to overcome setbacks
- Talk about how it is okay to make mistakes
- Build up to 3-step instructions at home: get dressed, brush your teeth, brush your hair



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Kindergarten Readiness

Read to your child every day:

- Read stories together in your first language to help your child develop vocabulary, listening and speaking skills
- Enjoy reading different types of books: picture books, information books, nursery rhymes, poetry
- Encourage your child to talk about the pictures and stories as you read together, make predictions, ask follow up questions about what is happening in the story
- Visit your community library (when possible)



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Build your child's interest in literacy and numeracy:

- Make a game of looking for letters and numbers on community signs and in books
- Provide scissors and playdough to strengthen fine motor skills
- Provide opportunities for your child to draw with pencils, crayons and felt pens, use glue sticks
- Help your child print his or her first name, if they are interested
- If you are unsure about your child's milestone achievements, please be sure to discuss these with your family doctor
- Ensure your child has had a recent hearing test if you have concerns and an eye exam within the last year





I'm ready for Kindergarten

because I can...



- ☐ Use the bathroom
- ☐ Blow my nose
- ☐ Wash my hands
- ☐ Get dressed in all my clothes
- ☐ Say my first and last name
- ☐ Be safe with scissors
- ☐ Open lunch containers
- ☐ Take my turn when playing
- ☐ Recognize some letters and numbers
- ☐ Rhyme words like hat/bat, dog/log

all by myself!



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