

French Immersion in Olds

Olds is proud to offer French Immersion programming from grade 1 through grade 12 in École Olds Elementary, École Deer Meadow and Olds High schools. Please read below for more information.

École Olds Elementary:

Elementary school students can begin French Immersion in grade 1 through to grade 4 in École Olds Elementary School. Kindergarten students and their parents are invited to attend an information meeting in the spring to learn more about French Immersion and see a sample lesson. Grade 1 and grade 2 students spend their time immersed in the French language. This early concentration on French language development allows students to achieve a strong foundation in French on which to base their continued learning. In early French Immersion, reading and writing are first taught in French, and students then transfer those skills to English beginning in Grade 3. For more information on French Immersion programming at École Olds Elementary School, please visit our website and click on our French Immersion link or contact us at: 403-556-8477.

École Deer Meadow:

Middle school French Immersion students continue their French Immersion program at École Deer Meadow school for grades 5 to 8. In middle school, French Immersion students continue their core programming in French. Students are immersed in the French language in math, science, Études Sociales (Social Studies) and French Language Arts. These students will also experience a variety of cultural activities that includes exchange programs and cross grade activities with the elementary school. Upon completion of grade 8 at École Deer Meadow school, students are encouraged to write the DELF A2 or B1 assessment to test their level of proficiency prior to entering high school. École Deer Meadow prides itself on academic excellence on Provincial Achievement test and DELF results. For more information on French Immersion programming at École Deer Meadow, please visit our website and click on our French Immersion link or contact us at: 403-556-1003.

Olds High School:

High school students can attain a Chinook's Edge School Division French Immersion Certificate upon completion of the French Immersion program at Olds High School. In order to achieve a French Immersion Certificate, students must complete the following courses:

- French Language Arts 9, 10-1, 20-1, 30-2
- Sciences (in French) 9
- French Vernacular 15 and 25

French Immersion students at Olds High School also have the opportunity to travel to Quebec through the Experiences Canada program. Upon completion of FLA 30-2 at Olds High School, students are encouraged to write the DELF B2 assessment. The successful completion of the DELF B2 is a significant achievement. It is recognised as fulfilling French language entrance requirements by French universities. The DELF B2 is designed to offer a high-level qualification in the language for those who wish to use French for professional or study purposes. For more information on French Immersion programming at Olds High School, please visit our website and click on our French Immersion link or contact us at: 403-556-3391.