



## Where is Early French Immersion offered?

In Nova Central School District, Early French Immersion is offered at the following schools:

### Grand Falls-Windsor

#### **Woodland Primary [K-3]**

709 489-4373

#### **Millcrest Academy [4-6]**

709 489-3805

### **Exploits Valley Intermediate [7-9]**

709 489-5608

### **Exploits Valley High [10-12]**

709 489-4374

### Gander

#### **Gander Academy [K-6]**

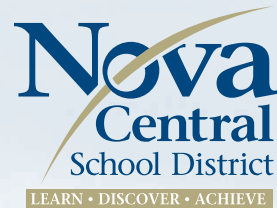
709 256-8531

### **St. Paul's Intermediate [7-9]**

709 256-8404

### **Gander Collegiate [10-12]**

709 256-2581



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For Additional Information

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<http://www.ed.gov.nl.ca/edu/k12/french/>

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## Early French Immersion Information for Parents





### **What is a French Immersion program?**

French Immersion consists of programs and courses designed for English-speaking students in which French is the language of instruction and the means of communication in the classroom. Students in French Immersion study all areas of the provincial curriculum.

Early French Immersion, the program offered by Nova Central School District, extends from Kindergarten to Level III.



### **How is the program designed?**

Early French Immersion (EFI) begins at the Kindergarten level with 100 percent of instruction in French. English Language Arts is introduced at Grade 3. In EFI, the percentage of instructional time in French decreases through the years of schooling. At the intermediate level more subjects are studied in English. In senior high, students require six credits (three courses) in French Language Arts and six credits from other subjects taught in French. This means two courses, usually French and Social Studies, are completed in French in each senior high year. Graduating students receive French Immersion designation from the Department of Education.



### **What are the benefits of French Immersion?**

French Immersion helps students communicate in both of Canada's official languages, English and French. Students develop an awareness and appreciation of languages and cultures. Subjects are taught in French, and students follow all aspects of the prescribed provincial curriculum.

Studying a second language creates opportunities for:

- academic growth;
- improved first language skills;
- personal development;
- enhanced employment opportunities;
- national and global citizenship;
- using communication and problem-solving skills; and,
- learning a third or fourth language with greater ease.



### **Does learning a second language affect overall achievement?**

Learning a second language does not interfere with a student's ability to learn English. In provincial assessments, FI students generally perform well. After the introduction of English Language Arts in Grade 3, students make rapid gains in reading and writing in English, and are well-prepared for the elementary and intermediate grades.



### **Do parents need to speak French in order to help their child?**

The French Immersion program is designed for children of non-French speaking parents. There is no expectation that parents will speak French at home or that they will be able to assist their child with homework in French. Parents can support their children who are in French Immersion by showing interest and encouragement in their progress, and by maintaining regular contact with the French teacher.



### **Who can enroll in French Immersion?**

French Immersion is open to a full range of students, including those with exceptionalities, varied interests and different learning styles. All students are welcome in French Immersion in schools where the program is offered. French Immersion has been in schools in Central Newfoundland and other areas of the province for more than thirty years. Thousands of students have participated during that time!

For more details, talk with the school principal or guidance counselor, and attend information sessions offered by your school.

