



Where is Intensive Core French offered?

The following schools currently offer Intensive Core French in our district:

Bay d'Espoir Academy

Milltown | 882-2500

Centreville Academy

Centreville-Wareham | 678-2833

Gander Academy

Gander | 256-8531

Glovertown Academy

Glovertown | 533-2443

Helen Tulk Elementary

Bishop's Falls | 258-6472

Indian River Academy

Springdale | 673-3714

New World Island Academy

Summerford | 629-3241

Pheonix Academy

Carmanville | 534-2840

Riverwood Academy

Wing's Point | 676-2009

Smallwood Academy

Gambo | 674-5336

St. Joseph's Elementary

Harbour Breton | 885-2407

Twillingate Island Elementary

Twillingate | 884-2871

William Mercer Academy

Dover | 537-2184



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

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Intensive Core French Information for Parents





What is Intensive Core French?

Intensive Core French (ICF) is a provincial program for French Second language learning that focuses on oral and written communication and literacy. The program is defined as an enrichment of Core French. It provides for an “intensive” block of time for learning French during one-half of the Grade 6 year.

During this French block, many of the skills emphasized are the same as those in English Language Arts. Instruction focuses on listening, speaking, reading, writing, culture and language-learning strategies. Instruction in ICF is based on student interests and organized around broad themes.

Students explore topics through a project-based approach. Emphasis is on active involvement, educational games, cooperative learning, singing and art, as well as the creation of meaningful oral and written products.

ICF was approved as a provincial program in 2001, following a three-year research phase in schools in this province. Since that time, there has been a steady increase in the number of participating schools. ICF is now offered in every province in Canada and is available in a number of NCSD schools.



How is the program designed?

For students participating in the ICF program, the Grade 6 school year is organized into two blocks. During one block students are instructed in French for approximately 60% of the day. For the other 40% students study other subjects such as Science, Mathematics, Physical Education and Music.

During the French block of time, some subjects such as English Language Arts, Social Studies, Religion, Health and/or Art are not taught. However, some content and skills from these subjects are integrated

into French Language Arts. For example, students may learn about healthy eating, how to prepare a presentation, or work on writing skills through the activities in the French block. This arrangement is known as curriculum compacting or curriculum integration.

In the other block of time, students have the regular allocation for all subjects, similar to Grade 5. While ICF instruction occurs during this part of the year as well, the amount of time dedicated to ICF is about 10%.

Each school offering ICF creates a plan for all Grade 6 subjects and curriculum outcomes. This plan may differ from school to school and year to year.



What are the benefits of Intensive Core French?

Intensive Core French helps students communicate more effectively in both of Canada’s official languages, English and French. Students in ICF make significant French language gains over a short period of time. Students enter the intermediate French program with greater ability and often show more interest in continuing French at the high school level.

In general, studying a second language creates opportunities for:

- Academic growth;
- Improved first language skills;

- Personal development;
- Enhanced employment opportunities;
- National and global citizenship;
- Enhanced communication and problem-solving skills; and,
- Learning a third or fourth language with greater ease.



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

The ICF 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 ICF by showing interest and encouragement in their progress, and by maintaining regular contact with the French teacher.



Who can enroll in Intensive Core French?

Intensive Core French is suitable for a full range of students, including those with exceptionalities, varied interests and different learning styles. Some children show an increase in confidence, motivation and interest during the ICF program. Generally, all students are enrolled in ICF where the program is offered.

