

EDUCATION: PROGRAMS

Policy 512.4 (previously 602.4)

French Programmes

The Board of Education (Richmond) is committed to providing its students with the opportunity to study French from the 1st to the 13th years of an educational program in programmes offering various levels of proficiency in the language.

Three main types of programmes are offered, designed to meet the differing needs, interests, and goals of students. Two of these types are open to all students:

1. Core French (French as a Second Language) 7th to 13th years of an educational program, which enables students to acquire basic skills in the language.
2. French Immersion, which offers students the opportunity to acquire a high level of proficiency in the language.

For students who already speak French there is a third type of programme:

3. Programme-Cadre de Français, which enables French-speaking students to pursue their schooling entirely in French.

The Board authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to design and implement the academic content of these programmes, and to set admission procedures and evaluation requirements aimed at offering the best possible French programmes to as many of Richmond's children as facilities and resources will allow. (For example, Core French may, in some schools, be offered to students in lower grades.)