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FRENCH LANGUAGE LEARNING IN NEW BRUNSWICK

New Nouveau Brunswick CANADA

Why Learn French?

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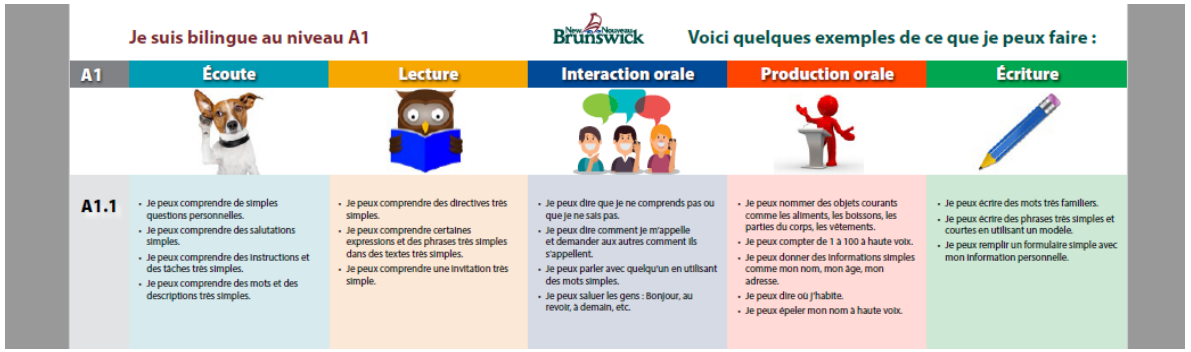
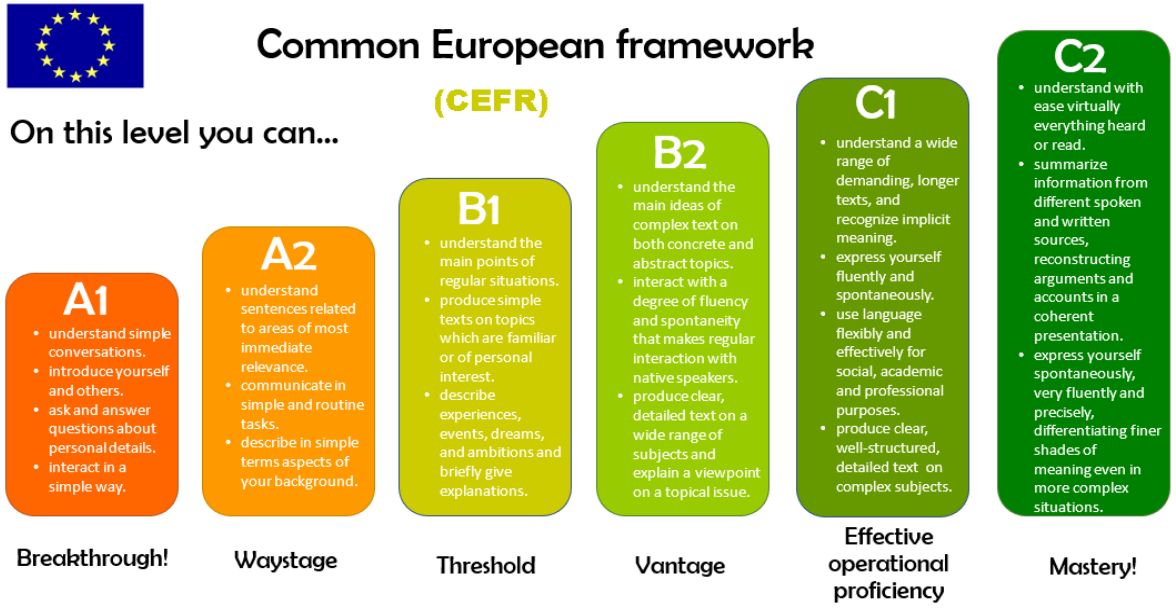
Benefits of Learning French

- Fosters stronger literacy skills in both French and English
- Develops listening and learning skills
- Enhances problem solving abilities
- Increases cognitive abilities such as flexible and creative thinking
- Exposes learners to literature, art, music and theatre in another language
- Improves self-esteem and awareness towards French and other cultures
- Explore a variety of themes of interest (e.g., me, my family, food, clothing, leisure, and activities: sports, music, etc.).

How do we measure French proficiency?

- All New Brunswick French pathways are aligned with the CEFR, or the **Common European Framework of Reference**
- It is an internationally recognized tool to describe language learning in any language.
- The CEFR shows how language skills develop over time. It describes a learner's progress, from beginner to more advanced levels.
- Learning French is **a lifelong journey**

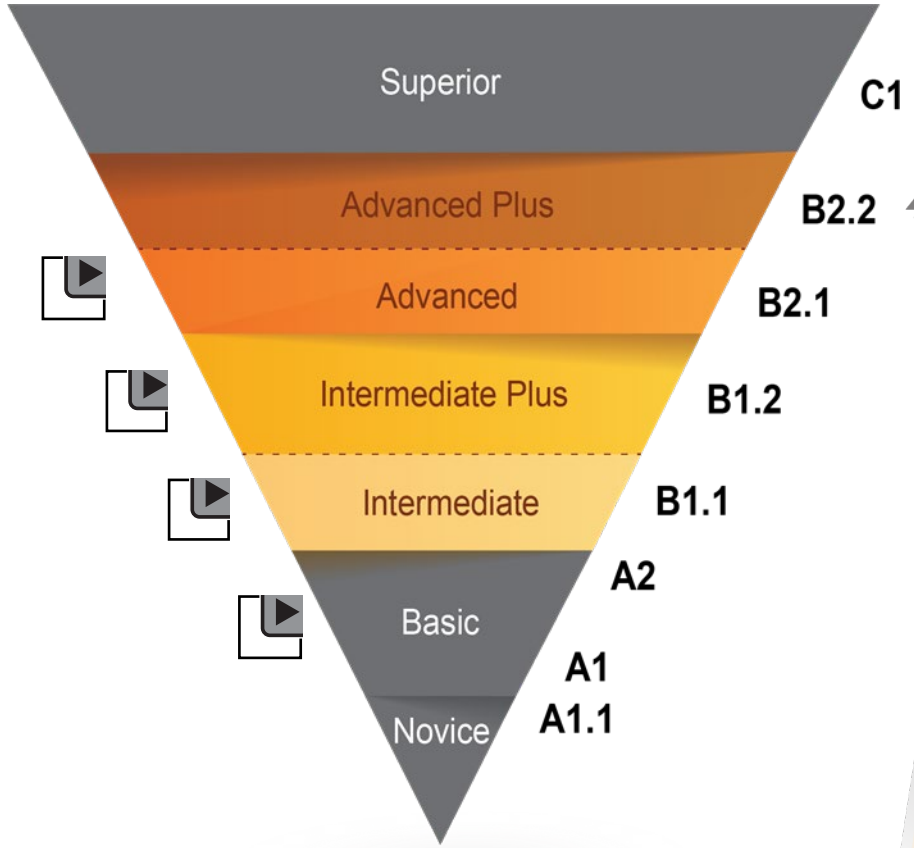




English poster may be found at **https://bit.ly/3kHLeMs**

Levels of Proficiency

The level of French that learners attain will vary from one student to another, in the same way as progress varies in other subject areas



Proficiency grows with more time, more frequent interactions, strong motivation, and consistent exposure to French.

French Second Language Pathways for 2026-27

There are multiple pathways to achieve French proficiency in New Brunswick:

ENGLISH PRIME

- Available in all schools
- **K to Grade 4:** Introduction to French through FLORA resources and Pre-Intensive French
- **Grade 5:** Intensive French
- **Grades 6 to 12:** Post-Intensive French

FRENCH IMMERSION

- Offered in communities where there is sufficient interest and where it is deemed to be sustainable over time as per Policy 309
  - **Grade 1 Entry Point** Early French Immersion
  - **Grade 6 Entry Point** Late French Immersion

ENGLISH PRIME PATHWAY

English Prime Pathway Overview

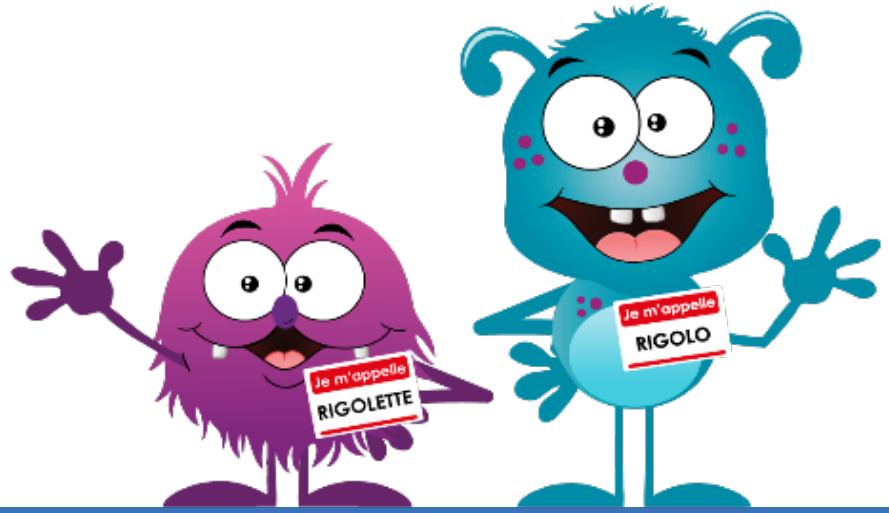
- **K to Grade 4:** introduction to French primarily through French Learning Opportunities Reaching All (FLORA) resources and Pre-Intensive French
- **Grade 5:** Intensive 5-month block (occasionally 10-months) typically offered in Grade 5 (occasionally occurs in combined 4/5 classes).

  At the end of Grade 5, there are two potential program options depending on the school: French as part of the Post-Intensive program or Late French Immersion (as per provincial Policy 309).
- **Grades 4-10:** Mandatory FSL courses
- **Grades 11-12:** Elective FSL courses in all schools

Grades K-4: French Learning Opportunities Reaching All (FLORA)

- FLORA is a made-in-New Brunswick French resource for early language acquisition that includes educational songs, animated characters, readings and activities
- Accessible from home to support in-class learning and for fun
- Uses the same approach as Intensive French with a focus on listening and speaking.

https://flora.nbed.nb.ca



Grade 5: Intensive French - 2 blocks

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Development of literacy skills in French</td><td>English Language Arts
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TYPICAL YEAR

Intensive Block	Non-Intensive Block
Warm-up (French)	English Language Arts
Message of the day: word work and sound work (French)	
Oral (French)	Science (English)
RECESS	**RECESS**
Oral (French)	Social Studies (English)
Reading (French)	Well-Being (English)
LUNCH	**LUNCH**
Writing (French)	French
Math (English)	Math (English)
Physical Education, Music, Art (English)	Physical Education, Music, Art (English)

TYPICAL DAY

Grades 6-12: English Prime with Intensive French

POST-INTENSIVE FRENCH GRADES 6–8

- 2–3 blocks/classes per week of French
- Focuses on further development of oral, reading, and writing communication skills

POST-INTENSIVE FRENCH GRADES 9–10

- 1 course per year
- Reading texts that include greater complexity
- Writing tasks are more complex

POST-INTENSIVE FRENCH GRADES 11–12

- Available for all students
- Both courses are available online
- Upon approval learners may select additional courses in French (e.g., Writing 110, Law 120)

FRENCH IMMERSION PATHWAY

French Immersion Overview

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY TARGETS

- Learners work towards French language achievement indicators in the areas of oral proficiency, reading, and writing.

PROGRAM AVAILABILITY

- Registration supports district planning.
- Families are encouraged to register within the designated dates.
- Program availability is dependent upon student enrollment in accordance with Policy 309 .

FRENCH IMMERSION AND INCLUSION

- French Immersion is an inclusive program that is accessible to **all learners** in accordance with provincial Policy 309 and Policy 322.

Grade 1 Entry to French Immersion (Early FI)

- Early Immersion begins in Grade 1 when learners are immersed in French language for most of the day. Content such as Science, Math, and Social Studies is all taught in French.
- In the early years, language learning is nurtured through everyday activities such as playing, reading, writing, and storytelling in French.
- French language learning is embedded through the exploration of familiar and relevant topics, and cultural experiences.

FRENCH INSTRUCTION

Grades 1 and 2:	85% or more
Grades 3 to 5:	80%
Grades 6 to 8:	70% or equivalent
Grade 9:	50%
Grades 10 to 12:	10 French Courses, or 40 credit hours

Grade 6 Entry to French Immersion (Late FI)

- Literacy skills are developed through both French Immersion Language Arts and English Language Arts, as well as through all their core subject areas (e.g., social studies, science, mathematics, etc.)
- There is an emphasis on oral language in all subjects, followed by learning to read and write in French from the beginning of the program.
- Language is modelled; teachers support students as they gradually learn new concepts in their second language.

70% or equivalent of instruction is in French in Grades 6-8

50% of instruction is in French in Grade 9

10 courses instructed in French required across Grades 10-12(students have choice of 40ch)

Grades 1-8: A Typical Day in French Immersion

Grades 1–2 (Exploration Time)	Grades 3–5 (Cross-Curricular Block)	Late Entry 6-8 / Early Entry 6-8
Warm-up (French)	English Language Arts	English Language Arts
Message of the day: word work and sound work (French)	French Language Arts	French Language Arts
Oral (French)		
RECESS	**RECESS**	**RECESS**
Oral (French)	Social Studies (French)	Social Studies (French)
Reading (French)	Health and Well-Being (French)	Health and Well-Being (French)
LUNCH	**LUNCH**	**LUNCH**
Writing (French)	Science (French)	Science (French)
Math (French)	Math (French)	Math (French)
Physical Education, Music, Art (English/French)	Physical Education, Music, Art (English/French)	Physical Education, Music, Art (English/French)

French Immersion in High School

GRADE 9: 50% OF INSTRUCTIONAL TIME IS IN FRENCH

In addition to French Immersion Language Arts, courses may include Math, Science, Social Studies, History, and Physical Education.

GRADES 10 TO 12: MINIMUM 10 COURSES (40ch) IN FRENCH

Courses may include Chemistry, Physics, Math, Techniques de communication, French Immersion Language Arts, History, World Issues, Biology, etc. Online courses are available to ensure choice.

Online Courses and Options for Credit

ONLINE COURSES AVAILABLE IN FRENCH

- Law
- Environmental Science
- Writing
- Hospitality and Tourism
- Techniques de communication 11 & 12
- Co-op and Virtual Co-op Education

OPTIONS FOR CREDIT

- Université de Moncton Explore Jeunesse and Impact School Programs
- Université Sainte-Anne Explore 16+
- Les Jeunes chanteurs d’Acadie
- YMCA Summer Work Exchange Program
- Personal interest opportunities

How can families support French language learning?

- Support the expectation that French is the primary classroom language for speaking, reading and writing, as well as for interactions with the classroom teacher and peers.
- Encourage your child's attempts to practice
- Show interest in what they are learning at school, even if you do not speak French yourself
- Participate in special events that promote French language and culture
- Encourage time outside of school for French books, games, software, videos, television and radio
- Seek additional French opportunities for your child such as library visits, cultural activities, co-ops, internships, experiential learning programs, etc.

Resources to Support Families

The Centre of Excellence for Language Learning

- creates authentic French language experiences, supports families on their child's FSL journey, and builds partnerships with community groups to promote bilingualism as a life skill in NB.

Click here or scan QR code

Other Helpful Links to support language learning

Electronic Library New Brunswick (ELNB)

SORA Library

French Cultural Learning Opportunities

- **Impact (summer French program for students in Grades 9 and 10)**: 4-week program at Université de Moncton
- **Explore** (ages 16+): 5-week summer French program in locations across Canada
- **Explore** (13–15): 3-week summer French program
- **Connect** (Virtual Summer French Program for Middle School Students - Grades 6, 7 and 8)

For information about French opportunities, visit the GNB French Second Language Education website

Scan here for more information

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For more information, visit:

Everyone at their best: Learning French as a Second Language