

# Kawartha Pine Ridge DSB Extended French Program

## Parents' Information Package

**Bienvenue à Murray Centennial!**

**Welcome to Murray Centennial!**



# Welcome to our School



- We have over 567 students from K-8
- Bell Times - 9:20 am - 3:40 pm
- Students can choose to enroll in Extended French for grade 5
- Students are expected to continue in the program until grade 8.

# Our FSL Staff 2019-2020

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Core French

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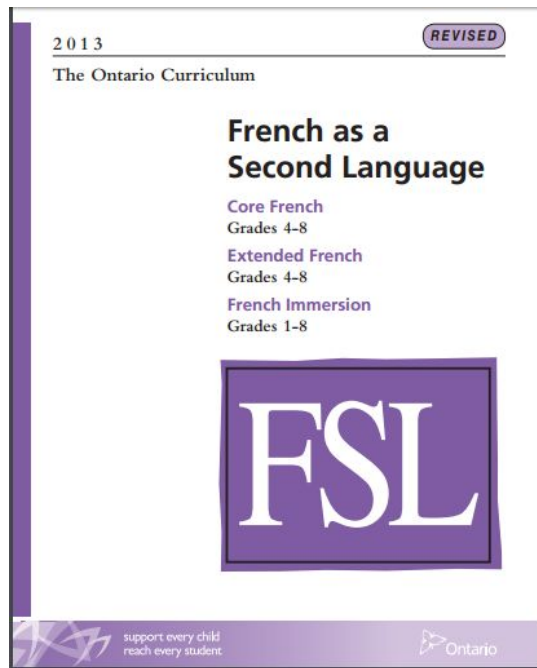
Lydia Conlon

8EF

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# Learning French as a Second Language in Ontario



All curriculum expectations from grade 5 to 8 for Extended French as found within the FSL curriculum.

# Vision for French as a Second Language



Students will **communicate** and **interact** with growing **confidence** in **French**, one of Canada's official languages, while developing the knowledge, skills, and perspectives they need to participate fully as citizens in Canada and in the world.

# Goals for French as a Second Language

- Use French to **communicate** and interact effectively in a variety of **social settings**
- Learn about Canada, its two official languages, and other **cultures**
- Appreciate and acknowledge the interconnectedness and interdependence of the **global community**
- Be **responsible** for their own learning, as they work independently and in groups
- Use effective language learning **strategies**
- Become **lifelong** language learners for personal growth and for active participation as world citizens

# French as a Second Language

“Students’ proficiency in French increases based on the amount of time and the level of intensity of instruction in French. For this reason, FSL programs often exceed the minimum requirements discussed below.”

FSL Curriculum 2013



# Positive outcomes for students in the FSL

- Increased mental flexibility
- Improved problem-solving skills
- A better understanding of aspects of a variety of cultures
- A greater awareness of global issues, including those related to the environment and sustainability
- Expanded career opportunities





# Difference between Core French and Extended French

## Core French:

- Mandatory in Ontario from grade 4 to grade 9
- 600 hours of French instruction by the end of Grade 8 (200 minutes a week)
- One French language course in grade 9

# Difference between Core French and Extended French

## Extended French:

- Optional
- Starts in grade 5
- In grades 5 and 6, French is the language of instruction for 50% of the time and for 40% of the time in grade 7 and 8
- At the secondary school level, students in Extended French take four (4) French credit courses plus three (3) additional credits taught in French

# Extended French: Subjects

- At the elementary level, the program includes the study of French as a second language and the study of at least one other subject taught in French. The subjects are selected from the arts, social studies (Grades 1 to 6) or history and geography (Grades 7 and 8), mathematics, science and technology, and health and physical education.
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# The Extended French Program

- Designed for students who do not speak French at home;
- Curriculum content in all other subjects than French is identical to the English program, but the **language of instruction is French; (French, Social Studies, 3 of 4 Arts)**
- Communication with parents is in English;
- Report card is the same as for students not in Extended French;
- Students who complete the program receive a Kawartha Pine Ridge Extended French Certificate.
- Grade 12 students have opportunity to challenge the DELF exam for language proficiency certification

# What if my child is having difficulties?

- Your child's teacher will communicate with you
- Strategies to support your child's learning will be put in place
- The school support team will determine strategies to support your child's learning
- An Individual Education Plan might be put in place in order to support your child attainment of the curriculum expectations

# How can I support my child's learning?

- Give your child a chance to adjust
- Listen to French TV, music or books with your child
- Reinforce at home what is learned at school (in English)
- Discuss any concerns with your child's teacher (do not let small issues become big problems)
- Be positive



# Resources

For more information please visit:

- KPR's website
- Go to [Our Schools](#), [Elementary Programs](#), [French](#)
- Click on the tabs [Extended French](#), [How Can I Help My Child](#) and [Frequently Asked Questions](#) and explore the content.

# Other Murray mentionables...

- Instrumental Music program
- Strong participation in sports
- Drama club
- Early Act Club
- Many opportunities to become involved around the school (book buddies, twinnings, library scanners, bus buddies)
- A safe, inclusive community
- Francofun Day!

*A Caring School in a Caring Community!*