

Our Statements of Vision and Mission

The Louis Riel School Division aspires to develop caring, literate and capable people who value learning and strive to reach their potential as they pursue the common good.

La Division scolaire Louis-Riel aspire à former des personnes compétentes, instruites et compatissantes qui valorisent l'apprentissage et qui s'efforcent de réaliser leur plein potentiel tout en poursuivant le bien commun.

The Mission of the Louis Riel School Division is to foster safe, inviting and inclusive learning environments and to develop responsible global citizens through respectful partnerships between home, school and community.

La mission de la Division scolaire Louis-Riel est de favoriser la création de milieux d'apprentissage sécuritaires, attrayants et inclusifs, et de former des citoyens du monde responsables par l'établissement de partenariats respectueux entre le foyer, l'école et la communauté.

How do I obtain more information?

If you have other questions or need more information, please contact the Principal at one of the French Immersion Schools or visit our website at www.lrsd.net/contact to send us an e-mail.

Louis Riel School Division
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Other Useful Links

- **LRSD Policy IHBEBA Bilingual Instruction**
www.lrsd.net/Policies/1/LRSD_Policy_IHBEBA.pdf
- **Manitoba Education**
www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/cur/fr_imm_pr.html
- **A Guide to French Immersion Schools in Manitoba**
www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/schools/fr_imm.html
- **French Immersion in Manitoba**
www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/docs/french_imm/fr_imm_mb.html
- **Canadian Parents for French**
www.cpf.ca & www.cpfmb.com



FRENCH IMMERSION

in the Louis Riel School Division



Frequently Asked Questions

What is French Immersion?

French Immersion is...

- a program designed for children whose first language is not French
- an opportunity open to all students registering for Kindergarten or Grade 1
- an effective way for children to become fluent in French while achieving all the outcomes of the regular curricula
- an opportunity to become functionally bilingual
- an opportunity to communicate with people of another culture
- a door to the future, creating opportunities for travel, study, and career choice
- a challenge for students to become citizens of the global community
- a program developed by Manitoba Education that parallels the English Program curricula
- designed for students who possess little or no knowledge of the French language, but who wish to become functionally bilingual in French

What does the Early Total Immersion Program look like in Louis Riel School Division?

- All subjects are taught in French.
- The English Language Arts program begins in Grade 2 and comprises 20 to 25 per cent of the entire instructional time, as mandated by Manitoba Education.
- The teacher speaks French in all grades. Initially the children respond in English but are encouraged to express themselves in French.
- Oral expression (listening and speaking) is emphasized in all grades.

Research has shown that the earlier a child is exposed to a second language, the more success he will likely have.

CEA, 1992

Students graduating from this program will have employment opportunities in either English or French or may pursue post-secondary education in either language.

French Immersion Curriculum Policy of Manitoba, 2000

Did you know?

- Parents of French Immersion students can become members of Canadian Parents for French.
- Canada is a world leader in second language learning because of the attention, research, and development devoted to second language acquisition.
- French is spoken by over 130 million people worldwide.
- More than 300,000 young Canadians are learning a second language in French Immersion schools.
- Learning a second language gives students valuable life skills and a wider vision of the world.

French Immersion Schools in LRSD

The Louis Riel School Division offers its French Immersion Program in total immersion “French milieu settings.” All school activities, except for those related to English Language Arts, are conducted in French. Staff members are bilingual and communicate in French to provide a French atmosphere for the children. Teachers are familiar with the techniques of second language teaching in an immersion setting. Communication between the home and the school remains in English.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS	ADDRESS	PHONE
École Guyot	400 Willowlake Cres. R2J 3K2	257-2540
École Henri-Bergeron	363 Enfield Cres. R2H 1C6	233-7079
École Howden	150 Howden Rd. R2J 1L3	257-0656
École Julie-Riel	316 Ashworth St. R2N 2L7	253-2363
École Marie-Anne-Gaboury	50 Hastings Blvd. R2M 2E3	253-9704
École Provencher	320 ave. de la Cathédrale R2H 0J4	233-0222
École St. Germain	77 John Forsyth Rd. R2N 1R3	254-0120
École Van Belleghem	10 Vermillion Rd. R2J 2T1	255-1134
École Varennes	22 Varennes Ave. R2M 0N1	253-1375
HIGH SCHOOLS	ADDRESS	PHONE
Collège Béliveau	296 Speers Rd. R2J 1M7	255-3205
Collège Jeanne-Sauvé	1128 Dakota St. R2N 3T8	257-0124

The ultimate goal of the program is to make students functionally bilingual.

French Immersion Curriculum Policy of Manitoba, 2000

Research indicates that students in a French Immersion Program achieve a high level of proficiency in French as a second language, without compromising achievement in other areas such as English Language Arts, Mathematics, and Science.

Dr. Nancy Halsall, 1992