

CHOOSING A BASIC FRENCH PROGRAM FOR YOUR CHILD - CORE, EXTENDED, OR INTENSIVE FRENCH

There are several French as a second language (FSL) programs offered in Canadian schools. Not all variations are available in every school community.

Core/Basic French (French: Communication & Culture in MB) is taught as a subject for one period a day or a few periods a week within a regular English program. The goal of the program is for students to gain a good foundation in French in order to communicate at a basic level and gain insights into French as a living language spoken around the world to compare and contrast French cultures with their own. The beginning grade level and amount of instruction vary widely among school districts.

Extended/Expanded French programs provide core French students with additional exposure to French by using it as the language of instruction for one or two subjects in addition to a French course. This option becomes available to students between Grades 4 to 8 and may continue throughout secondary school. Currently, extended French programs are offered only in a few provinces.

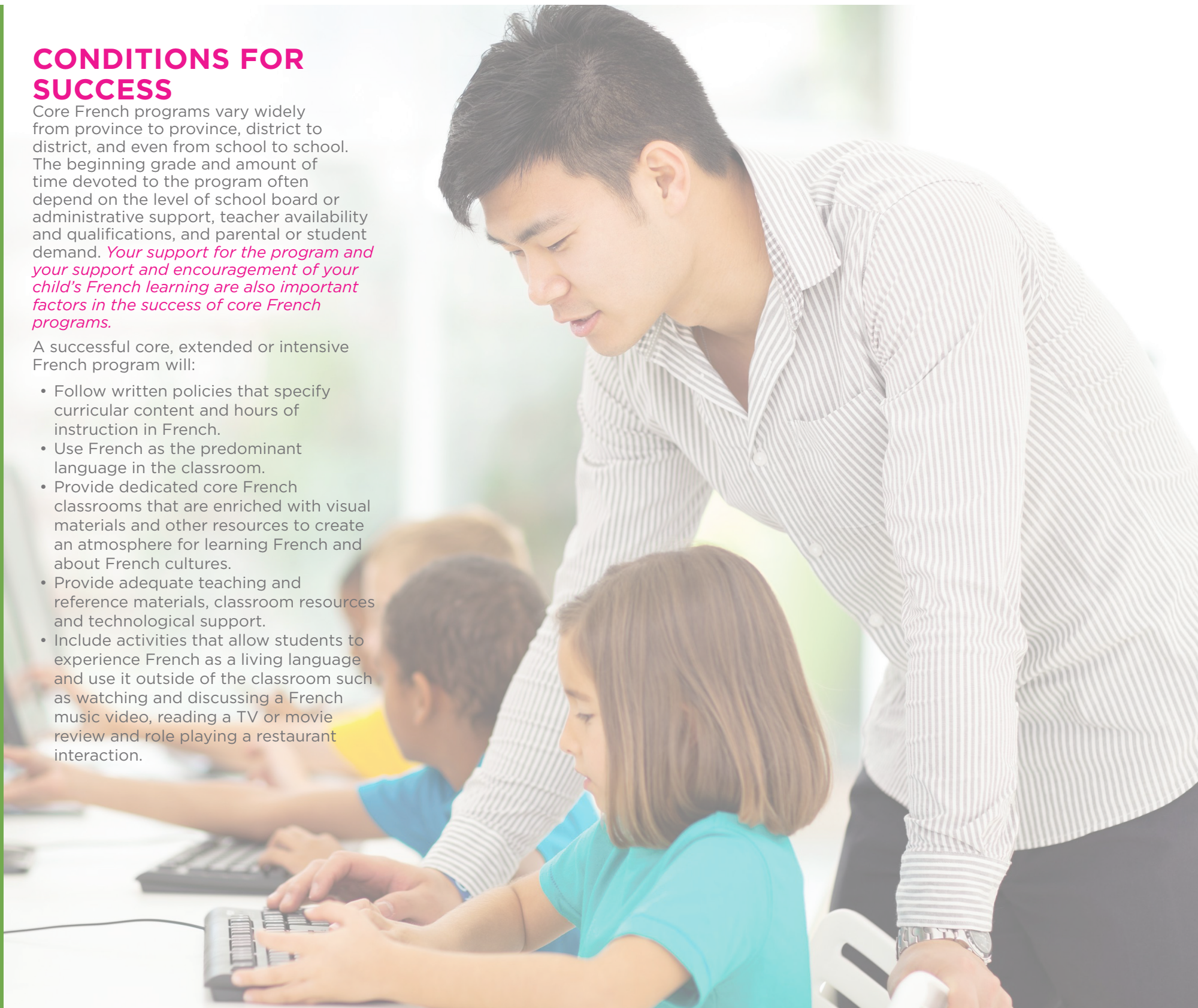
Intensive French programs have a concentrated period of French instruction during one half of a school year, in Grades 5 or 6. At the end of the five-month period, students can sustain a conversation, with some spontaneity, on familiar topics. The regular curriculum is "compacted" and students complete it in English in the second half of the school year, while continuing a one-hour period per day in French. Intensive French is a one-year program, so students need appropriate follow-up programs, like post-intensive French (an enriched core French experience), late immersion or extended French, to maintain their French language gains.

CONDITIONS FOR SUCCESS

Core French programs vary widely from province to province, district to district, and even from school to school. The beginning grade and amount of time devoted to the program often depend on the level of school board or administrative support, teacher availability and qualifications, and parental or student demand. *Your support for the program and your support and encouragement of your child's French learning are also important factors in the success of core French programs.*

A successful core, extended or intensive French program will:

- Follow written policies that specify curricular content and hours of instruction in French.
- Use French as the predominant language in the classroom.
- Provide dedicated core French classrooms that are enriched with visual materials and other resources to create an atmosphere for learning French and about French cultures.
- Provide adequate teaching and reference materials, classroom resources and technological support.
- Include activities that allow students to experience French as a living language and use it outside of the classroom such as watching and discussing a French music video, reading a TV or movie review and role playing a restaurant interaction.



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Canadian Parents for French is a nationwide, research-informed, volunteer organization that champions the opportunity to learn and use French for all those who call Canada home.

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I DON'T KNOW FRENCH – CAN I STILL HELP MY CHILD?

Don't worry — parents are not expected to understand or speak French. However, there are many things you can do to ensure your child's experience is positive and lasting. Research shows that students whose parents have positive attitudes to French achieve more. And, FSL programs are suitable for every child.

- Be supportive, enthusiastic and encouraging;
- Get to know your child's teacher and attend parent-teacher interviews
- Tune into French-language TV and radio with your child
- Expose your child to French language and culture outside of the classroom to build skills, vocabulary and confidence.
- Read to your child in English to foster a love of language.

IF MY CHILD WANTS TO LEARN MORE IN FRENCH, CAN WE SWITCH FROM CORE FRENCH TO IMMERSION?

Some school boards offer options that permit core French students to enroll in French immersion. For instance, Middle French Immersion (MFI) programs generally start no later than Grade 4 or 5. Similarly, Late French Immersion (LFI) programs normally begin by Grade 6 or 7. Alternatively, intensive French and extended French programs may be available.

JOIN CANADIAN PARENTS FOR FRENCH

Canadian Parents for French (CPF) is the national network of volunteers that values French as an integral part of Canada and is dedicated to the promotion and creation of French-second-language learning opportunities for young Canadians. We work for and with French second language students and their families in communities across Canada. Join CPF and take a more active part in your child's education and personal growth while contributing to the vitality of Canada's linguistic duality. CPF provides:

- Learning opportunities, language contests and summer camps for youth
- Information, resources for members and support for parents
- Advocacy support for French-second-language education

Contact your CPF provincial/territorial Branch or local Chapter.

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