

# Frequently asked questions

## Why learn French?

Learning French helps students to develop the ability to:

- Speak, write and understand French
- Pursue studies, training, and careers in either French or English
- Converse in French at home, at work, when travelling, and make connections with other French speakers

## Are French Immersion students taught the same program as those in English?

- Yes - curriculum outcomes for all subjects (other than French) are the same
- Instruction, texts and resources are delivered in French
- Both French and English programs follow curricula approved by the Department of Education, Culture and Employment

## What type of support is available to French Immersion students?

- Learning assistance (program support) is available, just as in English programs
- Support staff are bilingual

## Canadian Parents for French (CPF)

YK1 French programs are supported by Canadian Parents for French (CPF), a national volunteer-based organization of parents who value and promote French language learning opportunities.

[www.cpf.ca](http://www.cpf.ca) or [www.cpfnwt.ca](http://www.cpfnwt.ca)

## French Program Offerings

### École Iłtò

(JK-5 100% French Immersion)  
5700 51A Avenue, 867-873-3477

### École Sir John Franklin High School

(9-12 French Immersion,  
9-12 Post-Intensive French,  
9-12 Core French)  
470147014071 52 Avenue, 867-669-0773

### École William McDonald Middle School

(6-8 English and French Immersion,  
6 Intensive French; 7-8 Post-Intensive French)  
50 Taylor Road, 867-873-5814

### Range Lake North School

(The Intensive French program is sometimes offered for Grades 6-8)  
170 Borden Drive, 867-920-7567

The Core French program is sometimes offered in the following YK1 Schools beginning in Grade 1 or 2:

### Mildred Hall School

(JK-8 English)  
5408 50 Avenue, 867-873-5811

### N.J. Macpherson School

525 Range Lake Road, 867-873-4372

YK1 provides Superintendency services to: K'alemi Dene community school of Ndilo (JK-12) 867-920-7260  
Kaw Tay Whee community school of Dettah (JK-8) 867-873-4303

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# French Programs

## French Immersion Intensive French Post-Intensive French Core French





# French Programs at YK1

## Intensive French

École William McDonald Middle School Gr 6

- Designed for students who have no previous or limited exposure to French language
- Up to 70% of programming provided (math instruction remains in English)
- Up to 25% French language learning during the second half of the year to English
- Project-based language acquisition
- Program foundation based on Neurolinguistic Approach (NLA)

## Post-Intensive French

Range Lake North School Gr 7

École William McDonald Middle School Gr 7-8

École Sir John Franklin High School Gr 9-12

- Open to students who successfully complete Grade 6 Intensive French, or have 1-2 years experience in French Immersion in early grades
- Continue to develop French language communication skills using NLA
- Up to 230 hours per year of French language learning

## French Immersion

École JK-Gr 5

École William McDonald Middle School Gr 6-8

École Sir John Franklin High School Gr 9-12

- Entry Point: Junior Kindergarten, Kindergarten & Grade 1 (early immersion)
- Grades K-2: All subjects taught in French
- Grade 3: English Language Arts instruction begins
- Grades 3-8: Up to 80% of program is in French
- Grades 9-12: Access to French Immersion programming (social studies, biology, math, etc.)

Programs for a bilingual experience in a French environment. Designed to help students develop a functional level of bilingualism by the end of Grade 12.



## Core French

All YK1 Schools with English Track  
Programming Grades 1-12

- Offered in YK1 schools as part of the English program  
Grades 1-9: 40-75 hours  
Grades 10-12: 125 hours (optional)
- Provides the opportunity for students to acquire some basic French language communication skills by the end of Grade 12 and exposes students to French culture
- Most Grade 5 students participate in Pre-Intensive French camps. The Neurolinguistic Approach (NLA) is used.

