

Français à Robert F. Hall

The goals of all French programs in Ontario are to develop strong skills in listening, speaking, reading, and writing in French, and to provide students with an understanding of cultures of French-speaking societies by integrating cultural study into daily language instruction.

In Ontario, whether you continue your French studies in the Core French, Extended French, or French immersion program, you will receive a certificate of completion at the end of Grade 12 that specifies which program you completed. The certificate is not a certificate of bilingualism. The certificate of completion implies that students who successfully complete their high school French studies will be **functionally bilingual** at the end of Grade 12.

- Functionally Bilingual: A good enough knowledge of a second language to express oneself (whether it's orally, in written-form, or through reading) in any type of daily personal or professional situations, interactions, and settings.
- Bilingual: Complete fluency in a second language. This includes 100% mastery of all grammatical structures, vocabulary words, and language conventions. The language skills of the second language are at the same level (or very close to) the language skills of the first language.

French Courses

	CORE FRENCH - 4 Credits	EXTENDED FRENCH - 7 Credits
GRADE 9	Core French, Academic (FSF1D)	Two French credits (one per semester) 1. Le français (FEF1DF) 2. La géographie du Canada (CGC1DF)
GRADE 10	Core French, Academic (FSF2D)	Two French credits (one per semester) 1. Le français (FEF2DF) 2. L'histoire du Canada depuis la Première Guerre Mondiale (CHC2DF)
GRADE 11	Core French, University (FSF3U)	Two French credits (one per semester) 1. Le français (FEF3UF) 2. Les grandes religions (HRT3MF)
GRADE 12	Core French, University (FSF4U)	One French credit 1. Le français (FEF4UF)
GRADUATION	Certificate of Completion of the Core French Program	Certificate of Completion of the Extended French Program

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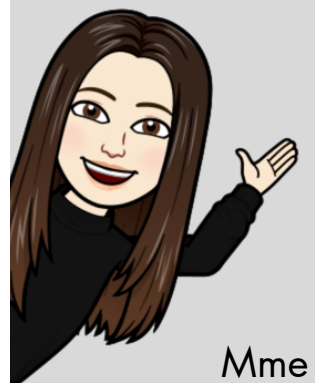
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French in Elementary School vs. French in High School

	ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	HIGH SCHOOL
CORE FRENCH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 40 minutes of French per day. • Basic French concepts, such as days of the week, months of the year, sentence structure, talking about oneself, the present tense, the past tense, etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 75 minutes of French per day. • Grade 9 - Add-on to basic concepts learned in elementary school. • Grade 10 - Add-on to concepts learned in Grade 9, begin to read short stories, and continue building oral communication skills. • Grades 11 and 12 - Courses slowly become more literature-based where students are studying and analyzing various novels and/or plays while continuing to build oral communication skills.
EXTENDED FRENCH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • About half the day is in French. • Basic writing skills, such as sentence structure, paragraph writing, essay writing, etc. • Basic reading comprehension skills, such as responding to comprehension questions in complete sentences, making inferences, creating summaries, etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 75 minutes of French per day. • Literature-based course; similar to an English course where students are studying and analyzing various novels and/or plays for the majority of the course. • Add-on to basic reading and writing skills learned throughout elementary school, such as developing the ability to understand, critique and analyze a variety of texts, the ability to communicate ideas, thoughts, and understanding through written communication, the correct use of quotes, citations and referencing, and the ability to develop independent understanding of texts. • More content-heavy courses: Geography of Canada, Canada's History since World War 1, and World Religions.

DELFDALF Exam

DELFDALF (Diplôme d'Études en Langue Française) is an official qualification awarded by the French Ministry of Education to certify the competency of non-native French speakers outside of France. This certificate is valid for life and is recognized all over the world. It tests French language skills in all four language competencies: Reading, Writing, Listening, and Speaking.

The DELFDALF Exam is written by any Grade 12 students who are interested. Students from any French program (Core, Extended, or Immersion) can write the exam. Each year, the school board generally receives funding for 2 or 3 Grade 12 students from each DPCDSB high school to write the DELFDALF exam. If students would like to write the exam on their own, it costs between \$125 to \$200, depending which level exam is being written. The exam can be written at various Alliance Française locations or at the French Embassy in Toronto. The exam at the board is written in the spring (April/May) and the exam at Alliance Française is held multiple times a year both in the spring/summer and in the fall/winter.

