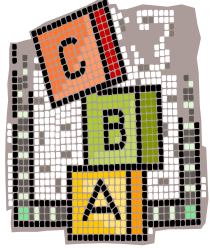


Knowing a second language:



- Enriches your child's enjoyment in such pleasures as literature, art, music, theatre, travel and personal relationships
- Increases your child's understanding of and respect for other people and other cultures
- Gives your child access to a larger pool of information and to further educational and career opportunities
- Studies show that French Immersion students typically match or receive higher scores on provincial achievement tests than their English peers, in all subjects, including English.

(Source: Canadian Parents for French-
www.cpf.ca)



Chinook's Edge Values...

- *Personal responsibility*
- *Relationships based upon honesty, integrity, respect and compassion*
- *Dedication and commitment*
- *An environment of belonging: safe, caring and inclusive*
- *Growth and development through learning.*

Chinook's Edge schools offering French Immersion

École Steffie Woima School- Sylvan Lake
K-6

École Fox Run School - Sylvan Lake
7-8

École HJ Cody School - Sylvan Lake
9-12

École John Wilson School - Innisfail
1-4

École Olds Elementary School - Olds
1-4

École Deer Meadow School - Olds
5-8

École Olds High School - Olds
9-12

French Immersion

Chinook's Edge School Division



French Immersion in Chinook's Edge

Chinook's Edge School Division values choice of programming for students and families, including French Immersion. Designed for students to enter the program at Kindergarten or grade 1, French Immersion in Chinook's Edge provides:

- **Focus on Academic Excellence**– Chinook's Edge is noted as a high-achieving board for student results in provincial achievement tests and diploma exams each year.
- **Professional staff**– Teachers and staff are provided ongoing professional development opportunities to ensure continuous growth. There is a strong liaison and support network among teachers in our French Immersion schools.
- **Health, Wellness and Citizenship**– Schools in all of our Chinook's Edge communities provide a holistic approach to support the physical, emotional, intellectual and social growth of our students.
- **Character Education**– Each school provides programs and activities that emphasize the importance of positive social skills, such as respect, empathy, kindness, resiliency and courage.



Learning a second language:

- Develops your child's listening and learning skills, and supports self-discipline
- Creates more flexible thinking
- Enhances your child's knowledge of and ability to communicate in their first language
- Makes learning a third or fourth language much easier.



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Will my child develop strong reading and writing skills in English as well as French?

- Yes. French Immersion students will begin to receive formal instruction in English starting in grade 3. Reading and writing skills are the same in both languages, so once learned they are easily transferred from one language to another.

How can I help my child with school work if I don't speak French?

- Most French Immersion parents don't speak French. Teachers anticipate this and tailor homework assignments accordingly. What will be most helpful is your support and encouragement.
- Reading to your child in English, and modeling reading yourself is very important because it communicates the importance of literacy.
- Your child's teacher can provide some ideas of activities you can do with your child at home, which will increase their success at school.

For more information, please contact:

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613-235-1481 or www.cpf.ca.**