



# KAWARTHA PINE RIDGE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

## POLICY STATEMENT

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**Section:**        **School Programs**

•        **Courses and Curriculum**

**Policy Code:**   **ES-3.15**

**Policy:**        **FRENCH LANGUAGE**

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The Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board commits to offering effective French Language learning. The Board offers Core French in all schools. Ministry of Education curriculum also includes two optional programs: French Immersion and Extended French. KPR believes that all students can be successful in learning French.

In all three programs, students communicate and interact with growing confidence in French, one of Canada's official languages, while developing the knowledge, skills and perspectives they need to participate fully as citizens in Canada and in the world. Through exposure to a variety of francophone cultures, students are learning to approach cultures with interest and open-mindedness. Intercultural awareness is fundamental to becoming global citizens.

Informed by the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR), the overarching goal of all three French programs is to place students in real-life situations where they must use their developing skills in French authentically. Through meaningful interactions, students learn to use the language by hearing, speaking, reading and then writing. Student confidence and proficiency develop over time and with increased exposure.

French language learning enhances overall literacy skills. Positive outcomes for students in French programs include increased mental flexibility, improved problem-solving skills, a better understanding of aspects of a variety of cultures, a greater awareness of global issues, including those related to the environment and sustainability, and expanded career opportunities.

Initial establishment or elimination of optional and additional French language programs within a defined attendance boundary shall require the approval of the Board. Every effort shall be made for program continuity where feasible.

This policy is informed by the following documents:

Revised FSL Curriculum, 2013, Elementary

Revised FSL Curriculum, 2014, Secondary

A Framework for French as a Second Language in Ontario Schools, K-12, 2013

Companion Documents:

Including Students with Special Education Needs in French as a Second Language Programs: A Guide for Ontario Schools, 2015

Welcoming English Language Learners into French as a Second Language Programs, 2016