



POLICY:
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IGAL
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LANGUAGE INSTRUCTION

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1. GENERAL

- 1.1 The Winnipeg School Division (WSD) recognizes that it serves a multicultural and multilingual community. The Division is committed to making education more responsive to the cultural and linguistic diversity that characterizes our society. One aspect of this commitment is the development of language programs. Language of instruction and language of study programs are offered in both official languages and are made available in a variety of heritage languages in relation to need and interest and within the resources available.
- 1.2 Language programs not only support educational enrichment by providing students with language skill development, but also assist students in cultural maintenance and provide for cross-cultural awareness and understanding.

2. FRENCH IMMERSION INSTRUCTION

2.1 The WSD will provide French Immersion programs for students dependent upon the following factors:

(a) Enrolment

(i) Establishment of the Program:

Twenty-three students will be required to establish a program.

(ii) Continuation of the Program:

After a French Immersion program has been established at the kindergarten to grade 6 level, 20 students would be required to continue the program at the grade 7 level and 18 students at the grade 10 level.

(iii) Termination of the Program:

As a general rule, classes will not continue with less than 18 students. However, if during the course of a year the enrolment falls below 18, the class will be continued until the following June 30;

(b) the availability of suitable space;

(c) the availability of certified, qualified teachers;

2.2 Beginning study in the French Immersion program in the WSD will be at:

(a) kindergarten or grade 1 level;

(b) grade 7 level.

2.3 The WSD will, according to demand and the availability of space, endeavour to provide the French Immersion program at the elementary level in both English environment and French environment settings and at the secondary level in an English environment setting.

3. HERITAGE LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION

3.1 The WSD will provide bilingual language of instruction programs for students dependent upon the following factors:

(a) Enrolment

(i) Establishment of the Program:

Twenty-three students will be required to establish a program.

(ii) Continuation of the Program:

After a language of instruction program has been established at the kindergarten to grade 6 level, 20 students would be required to continue the program at the grade 7 level and 18 students at the grade 10 level.



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(iii) Termination of the Program:

As a general rule, classes will not continue with less than 18 students. However, if during the course of a year the enrolment falls below 18, the class will be continued until the following June 30;

- (b) the availability of suitable space;
- (c) the availability of certified, qualified teachers;
- (d) a program approved by Manitoba Education;
- (e) an approved curriculum from Manitoba Education.

3.2 Beginning study in the bilingual language of instruction programs will be at the kindergarten or grade 1 level.

4. HERITAGE LANGUAGE OF STUDY

4.1 The WSD will provide language of study courses for students dependent upon the following factors:

(a) Enrolment

(i) Establishment of the Course:

Grade 1-9	23 students required
Grade 10-12	18 students required

(ii) Continuation of the Course:

After a language of study course has been established at the grade 1-6 level, 20 students would be required to continue the course at the grade 7 level and 18 students at the grade 10 level.

(iii) Termination of the Course:

As a general rule, classes will not continue with less than 18 students. However, if during the course of a year the enrolment falls below 18, the class will be continued until the following June 30.

- (b) the availability of suitable space;
- (c) the availability of certified, qualified teachers;
- (d) student entry to language of study courses being at each grade level in which the course is available;
- (e) the availability of an approved language of study course or the approval of the proposed curriculum by the Minister in the form and manner set out in the Public Schools Act.

5. EVALUATION OF LANGUAGE PROGRAMS

5.1 Based on the stated objectives as determined by Manitoba Education, the WSD will conduct an evaluation of each new language program within three years of the initial establishment of the program.

5.2 The WSD will cooperate with Manitoba Education in the evaluation of language programs which are designated as pilot programs.

6. STAFF

The WSD will attempt to hire fully qualified, certified teachers to teach language programs who also have

- (a) recognized ability to write and speak the language of instruction/study;
- (b) taken or are prepared to take programs in the methodology of teaching language programs.