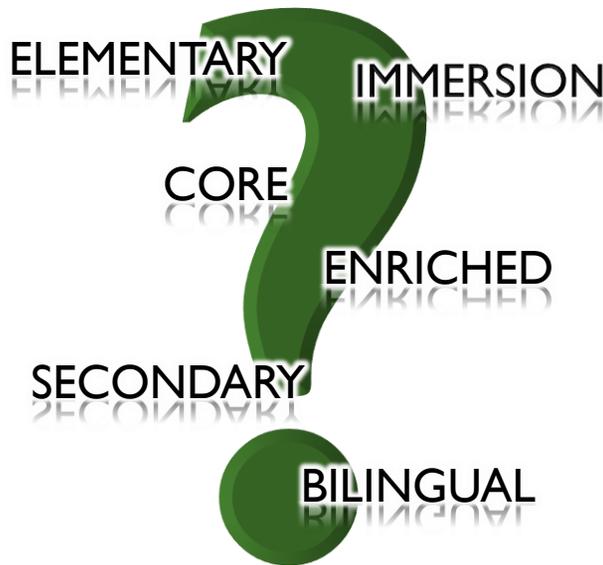




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## How to choose a French as a Second Language Program ?



Canadian Parents for French furthers bilingualism by promoting and creating opportunities for students to learn and use French.

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## Elementary level:

### Are you eligible for English Education ?

As you may know, Under the Charter of the French Language, children in the following three categories may be enrolled in English-language schools:

Children who are permanent residents of Quebec and who qualify for a certificate of eligibility for instruction in English.

Children who are permanent residents of Quebec and who are entitled to receive instruction in English under a special authorization.

Children who are living in Quebec temporarily and who qualify for temporary authorization to receive instruction in English.

For more details, go to :

<http://www.qesba.qc.ca/en/am-i-eligible>

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## Open houses

Most elementary schools have open houses in January before registration. If the open house is in the evening, without teachers or students present, ask to visit the school during a regular school day. It is important to get a feel for the school and to speak with the French teachers.

## What to ask ?

1. How many days per week or hours per day will my child learn French ?
2. Are the teachers French speakers ?
3. I don't speak French, how can my child receive help if he/she needs it ?
4. What can I do to help my child with his/her French homework ?

## Who to talk to ?

Call your local school board or principal of the school you are thinking of sending your child to with any questions or concerns you may have. Speak with neighbours and friends. Keep in mind that every family is looking for something different. Ensure the program you choose provides the best chance for your child to become bilingual while still corresponding to your family's lifestyle.

To know which school board you belong to, please visit :

<http://www.electionisquebec.qc.ca/english/school-board/electoral-map/find-your-school-board.php>

## Secondary Level :

### Choosing a High School :

Choosing a high school in Quebec means choosing between a wide range of programs. You can do this by visiting your school board's website, checking out different schools' websites, going to open houses in the fall and asking your friends and neighbours questions about different types of programs.

Each school in Quebec offers various types of French instruction. It can feel overwhelming to know which program is right for your child, but with the right questions, you will more easily be able to decide what is best.

### How to find a High School ?

For public schools, visit

[http://www.qesba.qc.ca/en/my-school-](http://www.qesba.qc.ca/en/my-school-board)

[board](http://www.qesba.qc.ca/en/my-school-board). Find your local school board and look at the different high schools. Don't hesitate to call them if you don't find what you are looking for. Please note that some schools accept students from other school boards.

If you are thinking about sending your child to a private school, you can visit the Quebec Independent Schools Association and find a list of numerous private schools: <http://www.qais.qc.ca/>

*Don't be shy! Ask anything you need to know and even, if you can, ask the students of the school to speak French for you!*

### What to ask ?

To find the perfect school you might have to ask yourself a couple of questions : Do you want your child to continue speaking French ? Do you want him or her to become fully bilingual by the end of High School ?

You can also ask more specific questions to the schools. See our 9 examples below:

1. What Programs does your school offer in French ? How many hours of French instruction do students receive per week ?
2. Are the teachers French speakers ?
3. What extra-curricular activities does your High School offer in French for the students to practice their French ?
4. I don't speak French; how can my child receive the help he/she needs ?
5. What can I do at home to help my child improve their French ?
6. Will my child be able to work in French after finishing High School ?
7. Do you have a Summer French Book List ?
8. Do you expose the students to the Francophone Culture ?
9. Can students earn extra credits in French ? If so, how ?



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