

How can I support my child in French Immersion?



General French Immersion Program Information	
Resource	Description
<u>Frequently Asked Questions about French Immersion</u> - Edmonton Public Schools	A document that lists common questions and answers about French Immersion programming.
<u>French language education in Alberta – Overview</u> - Alberta Education	General information on Francophone education, French immersion and French as a second language.
<u>Literature Review on the Impact of Second-Language Learning</u> (download the Executive Summary for free) - Canadian Association of Second Language Teachers	This literature review outlines the impact of second language learning in the following areas: cognition, academics, personal life, society at large, economics and intercultural understanding.
<u>French Immersion Kindergarten in Alberta: A Handbook for Parents</u> - Alberta Education	This document contains information about your child's development, explains what you can expect to see in a French Immersion kindergarten class, what your child will learn and offers suggestions of how to prepare your child.
<u>Yes, You Can Help</u> - Alberta Education	This document contains a section with strategies on how to help your child in French immersion.

Practical Strategies to Support Your Child	
Resource/Activity	How it can be used
EPSB Together! - Edmonton Public Schools	Try out this app to include some family-friendly activities that support French language development for all ages.
Read and Write for Google	Read and Write for Google is available in French (and other languages) to support reading and writing activities. Check out this video that highlights how it can be used, including how you can adjust the settings to meet your child's needs.
Digital books: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For young children: Boukili, Ohdio, Epic books (free accounts required) For older children: Il était une histoire, Ohdio, Epic books (free accounts required) 	Explore French books with your child. Some of these sites also have audio support. Consider engaging in the following activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow along with the text as you listen to the audio. Talk about what you read together. Try to guess what tricky words mean - look them up in an online dictionary and see if you were right. Select French graphic novels and comic books for visual supports
French songs and nursery rhymes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Try listening to familiar (or new!) songs in French. Ask your child if they have learned any French songs - and have them share with you. Ask your child to make up a simple song for a daily task.
French media <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Zone jeunesse TFO 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Try watching a streaming service or familiar cartoons in French with subtitles. Explore these sites to also find French game shows, French science shows, and French youth programs. Find French games to expand vocabulary
DeepL	An online translator created by the University of Ottawa.
Engaging in the French Community	
Resource/Activity	How it can be used
Canadian Parents for French - Alberta Branch	Activities for promoting and creating opportunities for students to learn and use French.
Canadian Parents for French - National	Find ways to engage with national stakeholders involved in official languages.
Alliance Française Edmonton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> French classes for kids, teens and adults Discover French cultural events Find out about summer camp opportunities