ÉCOLE ALVIN BUCKWOLD SCHOOL

OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY
École Alvin Buckwold School offers English (Kindergarten—Grade 8), French Immersion (K–8) and Late French Immersion (6-7) programming. In Grade 8, the elementary and Late French Immersion students join together to form one cohesive class.

We offer many educational opportunities for our students. Curricular programs include: Core French (4–8), music (K–8), band programs (6–8), resource programming and specialized physical education teachers. We strive to engage students in our school through extracurricular activities, including sports, choir, house leagues, Student Leadership Council and many clubs (such as chess, garden, skipping).

We are proud of our active School Community Council where parents engage in our school through events such as family literacy evening, math evening, and Celebrating Diversity community potluck.

Parents meet and have an active role and voice in our community. École Alvin Buckwold School is a dynamic, multicultural school. We are proud to have students and families from all over the world. We promote our similarities and celebrate our differences. Students strive to show RRC every day! Respect, Responsibility and Co-operation are part of our values and intertwined in all we do.

OUR FRENCH IMMERSION PROGRAM
École Alvin Buckwold School offers elementary French Immersion. Students generally enter the program in Kindergarten or Grade 1. Students learn French through songs, repetition, activities and play. French is the primary language of instruction in all subject areas and formal English Language Arts programming begins in Grade 3. We work hard to create an environment where students speak French throughout the day. This program is designed for students and families who do not speak French at home. Resource support is offered in both English and French programs.

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FRENCH IMMERSION AT SASKATOON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

French Immersion is a program designed for students whose first language is not French. The program uses French as the primary language of instruction and communication in the school setting to enable students to acquire functional language skills.

The goals of Saskatoon Public Schools’ French Immersion program are to:

• offer a comprehensive French education allowing for the personal development of students, and

• increase French language learning competence while also developing students’ English skills.

The aim of the French Immersion program is for students to communicate effectively in Canada’s two official languages. Upon completing the program, students are able to:

• pursue post-secondary education/training in both French and English,

• pursue employment in French and English, and

• possess an understanding of global perspectives on cultures and peoples, including their own.

The approximate percentage of instruction in French through K-12 French Immersion is as follows:

• 100%—Kindergarten to Grade 2

• 75%—Grade 3 to 8

• 50%—Grade 9 to 12

TIPS FOR PARENTS

Parents do not need to speak French in order to enroll their children in French Immersion. Most parents have little or no French language skills. While teachers foster students’ language learning at school, parents can also support their child’s learning at home:

• encourage your child throughout their learning journey, especially during the initial fall term when students are learning the basics of a new language,

• engage your child with meaningful language opportunities at home by reading, viewing and listening to materials in French, and

• recognize your child’s accomplishments to build their confidence for tackling new challenges.

CONTACT US

If you are interested in the French Immersion program, we invite you to contact our French Immersion Coordinator, Paul Bazin, at 306.683.8115 or contact the school in your neighbourhood to learn more.