ÉCOLE RIVER HEIGHTS SCHOOL

OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY
École River Heights School is located within steps of the beautiful South Saskatchewan River and Meewasin Trail. We offer French or English to students in Kindergarten to Grade 8. We pride ourselves on providing quality and comprehensive academic programming to all children as per our school motto of “Reaching Greater Heights.”

Our school makes joy a priority and offers various opportunities for children that make school a fun and positive experience! A rich variety of experiences allows students to learn about themselves, take risks and expand their interests, and we believe they will rise to the high expectations we set for them with the appropriate supports. We take pride in a safe, caring and accepting school environment. Our student leadership council meets with the administrative team to help us hear student voice as we are committed to responding to student needs and concerns.

Our staff reinforce positive behaviours and choices and believes in early intervention. We look at research to make the best decisions for our students. We pride ourselves on being inclusive and seek to have each student and staff member expand their worldview through unique and authentic learning opportunities. Our students learn about teamwork and themselves through involvement in our clubs and extracurricular opportunities in addition to the work we do in our classrooms.

We believe in strong communication that flows from the school and home and that our parents are our partners and build our sense of community!

OUR FRENCH IMMERSION PROGRAM
École River Heights School has a history of providing programming focused on building the four pillars of language acquisition: speaking, listening, reading and writing. We also pride ourselves on providing additional opportunities to experience French culture and arts.

Come for a tour and a visit with our administrative team. We would love to showcase our school and answer any questions you may have!
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.

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