

## How can I help my child feel successful in Core French?

- Get to know your child's teacher, participate in parent-teacher interviews, and feel free to contact the teacher at any point if you have questions regarding your child's progress.
- Encourage your child to be an active participant during class time.
- Show an interest in what your child is learning; encourage him or her to teach you a few words or phrases on a regular basis—have fun with it.
- Invest in a reputable bilingual dictionary for home use.
- Find a few French language television shows to watch together.
- Rent, buy or loan French language DVDs and books.
- Join *Canadian Parents for French*. CPF provides a strong base of support for parents with children in French second language programs. Examples of support include; French public speaking opportunities and summer camps for students, as well as information and resources for parents.



**Useful Links:**  
[www.hrsb.ns.ca](http://www.hrsb.ns.ca)  
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# French Second Language Programs

**Core  
French**



## What is Core French?

The Halifax Regional School Board encourages all students to develop language skills which will assist them to live and function more effectively in Canada, a bilingual country.

With this goal in mind, the Department of Education, along with the Halifax Regional School Board, provides all students with the opportunity to learn French as a second language by offering a compulsory Core French program from Grade 4 to Grade 9. Core French is offered as an elective at the Grade 10 to 12 level.



By the end of Grade 12, a student can reach a functional level of skills in understanding and communicating in French. More importantly, it is the aim of the Core French program that students complete Grade 12 with the confidence and ability to further develop their French skills if personal interests or career opportunities should present themselves.

## What will my child be learning in Core French?



**Communication:** Describing, asking questions, expressing needs, feelings, opinions, reactions— orally and in writing—as well as understanding a variety of written materials. Emphasis is equally placed on French fluency and the practicality of experiential learning.

**Language:** Understanding how language rules and sentence structure are applied to everyday communicative situations—authentic and practical in nature.

**General Language Education:** Learning about learning. All the reading and writing skills that your child has acquired in English Language Arts can be applied and even strengthened in the course of his or her Core French studies. Research has indicated that what a student knows and understands about

one language can be used to support knowledge and understanding of a second language (language transfer). Thus, the reading, writing, and interpretation skills that your child is learning and practising in French class may also help him or her make new connections in his or her English Language classes.

**Culture:** The program aims to acquaint your child with French-speaking communities (provincially, nationally and globally) to help him or her further develop French language skills (examine commonalities/differences) and foster a deeper appreciation of French culture.

