



Official Languages in Education Programs (OLEP)

Alberta Action Plan Initiatives

Definitions and Examples of Activities for French Immersion and French as a Second Language ECS to Grade 12

Area of Intervention & Definition	Initiative Title	Examples of Activities	
Learner Participation <i>Recruitment and retention of learners in second-language instruction programs and promotion of these programs</i>	French Immersion (FI) Student Recruitment and Retention	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Increase marketing towards FI programs• Promote the benefits of bilingualism• Hire qualified FI teachers and support personnel	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Enhance existing FI programming• Offer late-entry FI• Offer full-day FI kindergarten
	FI High School Retention	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Expand high school FI programming• Offer online options for students• Allow accommodations between programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Offer age-appropriate cultural field trips• Collaborate between schools to promote transitions• Celebrate FI graduates
	French as a Second Language (FSL) Student Recruitment and Retention	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Promote FSL courses• Offer online options for students• Hire qualified FSL teachers and support personnel	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Offer the International Baccalaureate program in grades 11 and 12• Institute a language learning policy whereby all students in Grades 4-9 study an additional language
Provision of Programs <i>Access, maintenance, development, and/or enrichment of a variety of programs, approaches and pedagogical resources for second-language learning and instruction</i>	FI Expansion: Adding Classes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Add K-12 FI classes• Maintain single-grade classes• Add courses/classes to secondary programming	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Equip new classrooms with teaching and learning resources
	DELF/DALF Exam Centres ¹	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Maintain or expand capability of French language credentialing centres to offer services to teachers and students	
	DELF/DALF: Students Writing Exams	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Offer the opportunity for students to write the DELF/DALF exam at a reduced rate• Promote the DELF/DALF exams to schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide professional learning opportunities to increase school capacity around the DELF/DALF exams and implementation of the CEFR
	French Resource Centres: Resources ²	Develop, acquire, and support the implementation of French language resources (e.g., books, themed kits, licenses to online platforms, audio-visual material, etc.)	
	French Resource Centres: Partnerships ²	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Maintain or expand formal partnerships to support French language programs Encourage collaboration between school authorities and educational organizations	

¹ This initiative applies only to school authorities that operate a DELF/DALF Exam Centre
² This initiative applies only to school authorities that operate the Grande Prairie French Language Resource Centre, the French Resource Centre at IISLE and the Southern Alberta French Resource Centre

Academic Achievement of Learners <i>Demonstration of a positive impact on second-language competencies of learners</i>	Literacy/Numeracy for FI Learners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide opportunities for students to receive focused literacy and numeracy supports • Hire teacher specialists and educational assistants to help support students with diverse learning needs • Develop, renew, and purchase new teaching and learning resources to support curriculum implementation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide access to online literacy and numeracy resources through subscriptions • Allow for release time to create common writing tasks or math assessments • Purchase assistive technology
Enriched Learning Environments <i>Cultural enrichment of second-language learning programs</i>	Cultural Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide online, in-school and out-of-school activities involving francophone communities and organizations • Arrange for collaboration between schools and school authorities around cultural activities • Subsidize student travel and/or fees on school-organized cultural field trips 	
Support for Educational Staff <i>Development, provision, and assessment of training (initial and continuous) and professional development programs for staff working in second-language instruction</i> <i>Recruitment and retention of qualified and specialized staff</i>	Professional Learning for Teachers and School Administrators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide meaningful, research-based professional learning support to teachers, administrators and support staff through online modules, job-embedding professional learning and coaching, professional learning activities, sessions, conferences, etc. • Provide release time for teachers to participate in professional development activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employ consultants to support French language programming • Cover travel and subsistence costs for teachers to attend professional development opportunities or communities of practice within Canada, but outside of their primary community • Offer a mentorship program for teachers new to teaching French
Research <i>Research related to second-language learning and instruction, and dissemination of knowledge in Canada</i>	<i>Note: In the current Alberta Action Plan for 2023/24, there are no initiatives related to Research for ECS to Grade 12 French Immersion or French as a Second Language. Research initiatives apply to postsecondary institutions only. Therefore, the Research area of intervention does not appear on the OLEP Funding Commitment Form or the OLEP Report Form.</i>		