

## **602.3 French as a Second Language**

### **Policy**

The Board of Trustees believes that French instruction offers numerous benefits to students, including enhanced learning, increased cultural awareness, and expanded future opportunities. Accordingly, French instruction is recognized as an important component of the programming offered by Lethbridge School Division.

Schools are encouraged to offer French as a Second Language instruction where enrollment and resources warrant.

### **Regulations**

1. French as a Second Language instruction is encouraged using the appropriate Alberta Programs of Studies:
  - 1.1 in any grade where enrollment and resources are available.
2. Where French as a Second Language instruction is offered, students may be exempted from French as a Second Language instruction at the discretion of the principal, in consultation with the teacher and parent/guardian in the following circumstances:
  - 2.1. students whose learning needs are met through alternate programming during the FSL instruction time.
  - 2.2. students enrolled in alternative language programs (e.g. Blackfoot).
  - 2.3. Upon the written request by a parent/guardian providing that the principal is satisfied that it is in the student's best interest

The Board delegates to the Superintendent the authority to develop the procedures necessary to implement this policy.