

Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board

The Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board has 54 schools serving 18,400 students, employing 1,070 teachers and 705 support staff. The Board covers a wide geographical area of 7,221 square kilometres bordered by Maynooth to the north, Deseronto to the east, Prince Edward County to the south, and Quinte West to the west.

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Supplementing an Extended French program

Extra-curricular use of French is important if students are to expand their vocabulary beyond that involved in academic work. Activities such as drama, music, sports and excursions can be initiated within the school and may be completed after school hours. These activities provide excellent opportunities for improving fluency and learning everyday, non-academic French.

The learning of a second language is in itself an excellent pursuit, not least because it develops an appreciation of the act of communicating with others, the subtleties that must be expressed in words, the importance of listening.
–Dr. Andre Obadia, Simon Fraser University.



Extended French schools

Extended French programs in the Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board operate in conjunction with regular programs at:

Elementary

- Bancroft Public School
30 Flint Avenue
Bancroft
(613) 332-3000
- North Hastings Senior Elementary School
132 Newkirk Boulevard
Bancroft
(613) 332-1833

The benefits of learning a second language are much broader than simply the ability to speak in another language. Research ... affirms the importance of second language education on intellectual potential, scholastic achievement, first language skills, citizenship and the economy.
–Impact of Second Language Education Study, Alberta Education.



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**One Child
Two Languages
Many Opportunities**





“Being able to learn a new language has given my daughter more confidence and self-esteem.” –Parent.

Because we want the world for them . . .

Extended French is available to students in the Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board. This program offers students the opportunity to develop French-language skills in a variety of subject areas. The content is the same as the regular program but the language of instruction is French. The entry point is at the beginning of September in Grade 5.

The connection between home and school

Parents play an important role in a child’s development, learning, and academic progress. In fact, success in school is strongly influenced by activities in the home that help to spark a child’s imagination, intellect and self-esteem. To promote a positive experience for your child:

- Read and communicate regularly in the first language of the home
- Have your child read to you in both languages
- Show your commitment to the program
- Volunteer in the classroom

“French has pushed our daughter out of her comfort zone and has facilitated growth. I highly recommend it and consider it a privilege.” –Parent.



Students enrolled in Extended French

- Enrich their educational experiences and promote personal growth
- Increase their understanding of other people and other cultures
- Develop their communication and thinking skills
- Gain access to a larger pool of information
- Enhance career opportunities in Canada and the global community

Extended French

Why consider Extended French?

Extended French is an effective method of learning another language. Students in Extended French programs communicate in the target language while maintaining fluency in their first language.

Is Extended French for any child?

Extended French is open to any student starting Grade 5. A successful Extended French student generally demonstrates the following characteristics:

- Expresses him/herself well
- Has strong skills in his or her first language
- Enjoys language activities
- Has a good memory
- Is confident
- Enjoys new challenges
- Has strong study habits

To find out about your child’s suitability for the program, you may wish to contact your child’s current teacher or the administrator of the Extended French school in your area.

How do I find out more about Extended French?

Parents who want to know more about the program are encouraged to arrange a visit with one of our Extended French schools. A visit offers parents the opportunity to see Extended French classes in action and to meet the teachers, school administrators, and students who are involved in the program.

Will my child’s English skills be affected?

Research shows that bilingual children are flexible thinkers and effective problem solvers with a well-developed sense of language. Second language education significantly strengthens first language skills in areas of reading, vocabulary, grammar and communication skills.

Is student transportation available?

Transportation is available on existing transportation routes. Information regarding your child’s transportation can be obtained by calling Tri-Board Student Transportation Services at 1-866-569-6638.



Commonly asked questions

How can I support my child even if I don’t speak French?

Parents of Extended French students may have few or no French language skills but can support their child in a variety of ways. To support your child in Extended French:

- Promote effective study habits
- Provide a structured learning environment for homework
- Have your child explain homework and share what he/she has learned
- Invest in a good French/English dictionary and a book of verbs
- Make French books available in the home
- Expose your child to French outside of school through the arts and French cultural events in the community
- Consider taking a French course for adults
- Contact Canadian Parents for French (www.cpfont.on.ca) for more information

As in any classroom, program support is provided through differentiated instruction. However, more intensive support using Special Education resources is not available in French.

“Both of our children have thrived in the fast-paced, high energy atmosphere of the program.” –Parent.