




The Edmonton Catholic Separate School District No. 7 supports the use of either of the two official languages, English or French, as the language of instruction as well as the provision of opportunities for students to acquire or maintain languages other than English.

Definitions:

A **bilingual program** in an international language is an educational program in which a language other than English or French is used as the language of instruction to a maximum of 50 percent of the instructional day.

A **French immersion program** is an educational program where subjects are taught in French at least 75% of the total instructional time at the elementary level and 60% of the total instructional time at the secondary level. French immersion programs are designed for children whose first language is other than French.

A **second language program** in an international language is a program in which the second language is studied as a subject for the purpose of developing communication skills and cultural awareness.

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