

WHAT'S IN A WORD? FSL LINGO

FSL

French second-language or French as a second language. A general term for programs that teach French to non-native speakers.

Core French

An FSL program in which French is taught as a subject in short periods. The basic form of FSL education for many students across the country. Called FSL in Alberta and Basic French in Manitoba.

French Immersion

An FSL program in which French is the language of instruction, and most of the day is spent with both teacher and students speaking French.

Variants of the program refer to entry points:

- * Early (EFI) begins in kindergarten or grade 1;
- * Middle (MFI) begins in grades 4 or 5;
- * Late (LFI) begins in grade 6 or later.
- * Continuing immersion at the secondary level.
- * Intensity of program also varies:
 - * In total immersion, the first few years use French 75-100% of class time.
 - * Partial immersion begins with 50 to 75% of class time in French.
- * Two school settings exist for immersion:
 - * Dual-track schools have both immersion and English programs side-by-side.
 - * Immersion centres or uni-track schools accommodate only immersion programs.

Extended core French

A program that is more intensive than core but less intensive than immersion.

Less than 50% of the day is spent 'immersed' in French.

One or more subjects are taught with French as the language of instruction, as in immersion.

FFL

French First-Language programs, schools, or school districts.

Refers to minority official-language schools in provinces other than Quebec. They admit Francophone students with the objective of mastering French as a mother tongue.