

**Administrative Procedure 7018**

***Early French Immersion***

It is the policy of the Board of Education to support an Early French Immersion program for Primary 1 through graduation.

The program is supported for a number of reasons, the most important being:

- a second language fosters understanding and tolerance for different cultures. Specifically, proficiency in French will lead to a wider range of employment options and an enhanced ability to expand academic pursuits and will facilitate travel and cultural opportunities;
- French is one of Canada’s two official languages. Its acquisition can contribute to the creation and maintenance of national unity.