

Benefits of Immersion

- Higher academic achievement
- Heightened social and problem solving skills
- Potential to earn FREE college credit
- More career opportunities and higher salaries
- Participate in a competitive, global society
- Early development of responsibility



- Vermilion Parish is dubbed “The Most Cajun Place on Earth.” Speaking French preserves the unique, cultural heritage in Louisiana for which we are globally known!

Need more reasons? See the link below!

<https://goo.gl/Ktf283>



Vermilion Parish Schools

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If you are interested in enrolling your child in the Kindergarten French Immersion program for the 2019-2020 school year, you must complete the online application located below.

https://www.vpsb.net/388559_3

To learn more about the French Immersion program, Attend an information night for parents on Thursday, October 25, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the LeBlanc Elementary Band Room.

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Kindergarten FRENCH IMMERSION 2019-2020



General Information

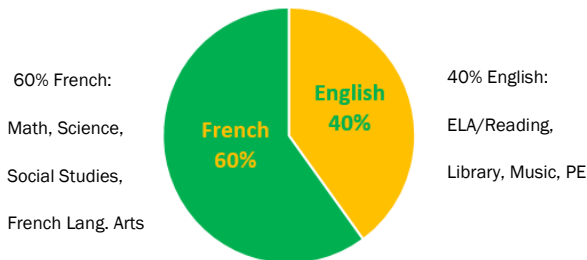
If your child will be starting kindergarten in August of 2019, you will have the option to enroll him/her in French Immersion (FI). The purpose behind offering French Immersion is to develop a student's communication skills in the French Language. This brochure provides you with the information you need to decide if you wish to apply for Kindergarten French Immersion.

Frequently Asked Questions

Will French Immersion affect my child's progress in English and other subjects?

There are many skills that are transferable from French to English. According to the Department of Education, studies show that if your child develops abilities in French, it will also help your child improve in English.

What is the amount of time my child will spend in French?



Do I have to be able to speak French to help my child succeed in French Immersion?

No. Your involvement and support for your child's education is one for the most important factors in your child's success. Learning a second language requires a high level of concentration and effort; however, parents do not need to know French in order to support their child in French Immersion. We will also offer multiple, parent information meetings throughout the year to inform you on how to help your child. There are a number of ways you can help support your child:

- Talk to your child everyday about school.
- Read with your child everyday in English, French, or your first language.
- Support homework routines as outlined by the teacher.
- Listen to music by French artists and watch French programs or favorite movies in French.
- Find ways to expose your child to French culture.
- Borrow French resources from the public library.

What is the selection process?

At this point, there is no official selection process. However, if we discover the interest level is beyond the classroom capacity, we may consider a random lottery selection process. In this case, there will be a waitlist for those who are not initially selected.

Waitlist:

Students who are not selected during the first phase of the selection process will be placed on the wait list in the following order:

1. Students who met the January 25 deadline but were not selected.
2. Students who are from schools other than those zoned for LeBlanc Elementary.
3. Students who were part of a FI program in another school district and moved to Vermilion Parish .

Busing:

Busing is not available to those students who live outside of the LeBlanc Elementary busing zone. Those who wish to enroll in the FI program, but live outside of the LeBlanc Elementary busing zone, must provide their own transportation to and from school each day.

Dates of Importance

Thursday, October 25, 2018	Preliminary Applications Open
Friday, January 25, 2019	Applications Close
Tuesday, January 29, 2019	Mandatory Parent Meeting
Friday, February 1, 2019	Contracts Due
Friday, March 1, 2019	Acceptance Notifications