

## **FRENCH SECOND LANGUAGE PROGRAM – EXEMPTION/TRANSFER**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Educational Services</b>		
<b>Subject</b>	<b>French Second Language Programs – Exemption / Transfer</b>		
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<b>Policies Used / Referenced</b>	6-309; D8 Memos		

### **Policy Statement**

Further to Provincial Policy 309, “French Second Language Programs”, this policy establishes a process for exemption / transfer from French Second Language Programs.

### **Definitions**

- English Prime (with Learning Experiences) Kindergarten to Grade 2
- Pre-Intensive French at Grade 4; Intensive French at Grade 5; Post-Intensive French at Grades 6 to 10
- Early French Immersion at Grades 1 to 10
- Late French Immersion at Grades 6 to 10
- Blended High School Program at Grades 11 and 12

### **Policy for Exemption from a French Second Language Program**

Students in the English Prime Program Grades K to 10 will not be exempted from French Second Language Programs. English Language Learners (ELL) and Special Needs students may have modifications and interventions for French Second Language identified in their Personalized Learning Plan.

Exceptions may include students from other countries or provinces who have not received French Second Language instruction, or Indigenous students at Grades 6 to 10 who have not received French Second Language instruction and/or have attended a Federal School where Maliseet Language and Culture was offered at the school they attended. See Appendix B.

### **Policy for Transfer from French Immersion Programs**

Students may transfer from a French Immersion Program if it is determined that it is in the best interest of the student. The school or parent/guardian might initiate such a request. See Appendix A.

### **Right to Appeal**

All decisions regarding placement may be appealed under the Education Act, Article 11. Should a parent(s)/guardian(s) decide to appeal, they should place a request in writing for an appeal hearing to the Superintendent of Schools.

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### **Reference**

- EECD [Policy 309: French Second Language Programs](#)
- [A User's Guide for The Appeal Process](#) – As Provided for in The New Brunswick Education Act - Department of Education Student Services, January, 2004
- Provincial Court Ruling: La Société des Acadiens v. School Board No. 50 [48 N.B.R. (2d) 361]
- EECD [Policy 321 Admission Based on Language](#)

## APPENDIX A

### REQUEST FOR CHANGE IN PLACEMENT / PROGRAM

*(Reference Provincial Policy 309 – French Second Language Programs)*

Request	Definition / Explanation
<b><u>Transfer</u></b> Request for transfer out of a French Immersion (FI) Program.	Students in Grades 1 to 10 may transfer out of an FI program if it is determined that it is in the best interest of the student. Given that FI students have already met the time requirements for the Intensive French Program, High School students opting out of FI may continue to take the FI Language Arts course designed for them until the end of Grade 10.

<b><i>PARENT / GUARDIAN completes this section</i></b>			
<b>Student's Name:</b>			
<b>Address:</b>			
<b>Postal Code:</b>		<b>Phone Number:</b>	
<b>School:</b>		<b>Age:</b>	<b>Grade:</b>
<b>Homeroom Teacher:</b>			
<b>Please indicate ( <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ) in which program your child entered:</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade 1 Entry	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade 3 Entry	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade 6 Entry	

<b><i>PARENT / GUARDIAN completes this section</i></b>	
Reason for request:	
Preferred timing for transfer: <input type="checkbox"/> As soon as possible <input type="checkbox"/> Next term <input type="checkbox"/> Next school year	
Signature of <b>Parent / Guardian:</b>	Date:
<b>Parent/Guardian email:</b>	

## APPENDIX B

### REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION

*(Reference Provincial Policy 309 – French Second Language Programs)*

Request	Definition / Explanation
<b>Exemption</b> Request to be exempt from French Second Language (FSL) programs.	French Second Language instruction is compulsory from Grades K-10. The Department of Education authorizes three FSL Programs: Intensive/Post-Intensive French, and Grade 1 entry and Grade 6 entry French Immersion. In exceptional circumstances, it may be in the best interest of a student to be exempted from the French Second Language Program.

<b><i>PARENT / GUARDIAN completes this section</i></b>			
<b>Student's Name:</b>			
<b>Address:</b>			
<b>Postal Code:</b>		<b>Phone Number:</b>	
<b>School:</b>		<b>Age:</b>	<b>Grade:</b>
<b>Homeroom Teacher:</b>			

<b><i>PARENT / GUARDIAN completes this section</i></b>	
Reason for Request:	
When should this exemption occur? <input type="checkbox"/> As soon as possible <input type="checkbox"/> Next term <input type="checkbox"/> Next school year	
Signature of <b>Parent / Guardian:</b>	Date:
<b>Parent/Guardian email:</b>	