

212 - SECOND LANGUAGE INSTRUCTION

Background

The Division supports the offering of Second Language programs in its schools subject to the following procedures.

Procedures

1. The programs offered within the Division will be in accordance with the policies, procedures and guidelines of Alberta Education.
2. Second Language programs are complementary programs. They may be offered where numbers warrant, and appropriate instructional strategies and resources are available.
3. Dual track schooling (French Immersion and English Language instruction in the same school) is the preferred alternative for offering French Immersion in the Rocky Mountain House area. This will allow students in both tracks the cultural and social advantages of contact with each other.
4. Care should be taken to ensure that the minimum number of hours of instruction for French Immersion is maintained or exceeded, in order to maintain proficiency in the language and maximize available grants.
5. Where there are additional costs associated with the operation of Second Language programs, the Division reserves its right to establish a user fee, as it may do for other complementary, high cost courses, on recommendation of the school Principal.
6. The Division reserves its right not to offer any program where numbers do not warrant, or where financial or other constraints make the program no longer viable.

Reference: Section 9, 10, 11, 21, School Act
Policy 1.5.2 – French as a Second Language and French Language Immersion