

IMPORTANT NOTE **REGARDING FEDERAL FUNDS**

ALL FEDERAL FUNDS FOR SECOND LANGUAGE MUST BE SPENT ENTIRELY IN SUPPORT OF FRENCH IMMERSION, INTENSIVE AND CORE FRENCH PROGRAMS.

- If a school district has a French Advisory Committee, best practice would suggest that allocation of funds be discussed with the committee.
- School districts have the flexibility to move federal funds between the allocated funding categories and must report the reallocation of federal funds in the Financial Report they submit at the end of the school year.
- School districts may apply federal funds to 20% of their total federal contribution or a maximum of 0.4 FTE position whichever is higher for French immersion or Core French teachers' salary or at the district level for a coordination position for second official-language activities.
- Districts are required to keep an accounting of all expenditures of federal funds for French programs and report on these expenditures at the end of school year.
- Auditing and monitoring of French programs is now an integral part of the Ministry's funding process.

FTE (full-time equivalent)

SCHOOL DISTRICT GRANTS

based on Student Level Data Collection

Seventy percent of the seven grants described below, based on enrolment, will be sent to districts in the fall. The balance of the grants in this section will be sent upon approval of the evaluation form and financial statement found in Appendix I. These forms should be submitted to French Programs no later than July 31. School districts evaluation forms and financial statements will be posted on the Ministry of Education website at <http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/frenchprograms/>

No payments will be forthcoming after October 31 of the same year.

If districts are to take full advantage of federal funds for French language programs, the student level data collection, form 1701 must be filled out accurately. The enrolment as of September 30 determines the amount of money that the district will receive.

General Information

The Ministry of Education encourages districts to establish an Advisory Committee with representatives from the various stakeholders, i.e. trustees, administrators, parents and teachers. Decisions on the allocation of federal funds in the district should be made in consultation with this Advisory Committee. Districts may move money between categories to address districts' specific needs.

Federal funds continue to be targeted for French language programs (Immersion, Intensive and Core French); funds must be spent in these program areas only.

E-Learning

The E-Learning Grant facilitates e-exchanges, an ideal way to introduce students with Canadian and/or worldwide Francophonie, and other on-line learning resources, by providing:

- Software in French;
- Internet access;
- Access to on-line resources, databases and/or subscriptions;
- Licensing fees;
- Peripheral devices such as headphones, microphones and/or other speaking and listening devices;
- Use existing hardware to adapt wireless connection;
- Wireless connection(s).

This grant is calculated by multiplying the current \$8 base by the total French Immersion FTE and adding the applicable revitalization grant.

Revitalization Grant Rates

1-300 FTE	\$14,000
301-400 FTE	\$12,000
401-500 FTE	\$10,000
501-700 FTE	\$ 8,000
701 FTE and more	\$ 5,000

Learning Resources Grant

The Learning Resources Grant from federal funds assists districts with the higher cost of buying French resources, for the library as well as the classroom, for students in French Immersion programs.

This grant is calculated by adding the applicable Learning resources grant to the base library Grant of \$4500 plus an additional Learning Assistance Grant of \$11,550 for School with less than 300 French Immersion FTE.

<u>Learning Resource Grant Rates</u>	
<u>For Immersion Enrolment</u>	
K-7	\$15.00 per FTE
8-12	\$27.00 per FTE
<u>For Growth in Immersion Enrolment</u>	
K-7	\$25.00 per FTE
8-12	\$50.00 per FTE

Core French Grant

The Core French Grant provides material needed to deliver the Core French programs in participating school districts where the minimum instructional time of 4 percent (4%) is met. The Grant is also supplemented by an Additional Core French Grant which is adjusted based on the current ministry rural factor (Rf). The current rates for this grant are as follows:

<u>Base Core French Grant</u>	
Total Core French number of students x \$2.65	
<u>Additional Core French Grant</u>	
Total Core French number of students x \$4.75 x (1+ Rf)	

French Immersion Grant

The French Immersion Grant has for purpose the maintenance of French programs. School Districts may use the money for supplies, materials or to supplement other funding categories i.e. learning resources, e-learning etc. They may also allocate a portion of these funds to staffing under the following guidelines:

- 20% of their total federal contribution or a maximum of 0.4 FTE, whichever is higher
- Staffing is limited to a portion of the remuneration of a teacher, a district wide coordinator and/or a learning assistant specialist

This grant is based on the Full Time Equivalent (FTEs) amount of instructional time in French programs per student as reported by districts on form 1701 under French Immersion enrolments and adjusted by the Ministry's current rural factor(Rf).

For Example: Given that a secondary school's 100 hours course equal 1/8 of an FTE, It takes 4 enrolled students (reported on form 1701) taking 2 courses each for a District to claim 1 FTE in Grade 11.

The Grant is supplemented by an Additional French Immersion Grant which is adjusted by both the Ministry's Rural factor (Rf) and Immersion Factor (If). The current rates for this grant are as follows:

<u>French Immersion – Base Grant</u>		<u>French Immersion – Additional Grant</u>	
K-3	\$50.00 x (1+Rf) per FTE	1- 200	\$40 x (If+Rf) per FTE
4-7	\$70.00 x (1+Rf) per FTE	201-400	\$30 x (If+Rf) per FTE
8-10	\$95.00 x (1+Rf) per FTE	401-800	\$20 x (If+Rf) per FTE
11-12	\$95.00 x (1+Rf) per FTE	801 and more	\$10 x (If+Rf) per FTE

French Immersion Growth

The French Immersion Growth Grant has for purpose to support new classes or program expansion. This Grant is based on increases in Full Time Equivalent (FTE) enrolments in French programs from the preceding year as reported by the district on form 1701. The current rates for this grant are as follows:

<u>Growth Immersion Grant Rates</u>	
K-3	\$395.00 per FTE
4-7	\$395.00 per FTE
8-10	\$1437.00 per FTE
11-12	\$1795.00 per FTE

Teacher Professional Development Grant

The Teacher Professional Development Grant has for purpose to support teacher's participation in activities such as in-service/program implementation for Core French and French Immersion programs which may be offered to individual or groups of teachers, and may include workshops, on-line learning, conference attendance and post-secondary courses.

The Grant is currently set at \$4,500 for districts with more than 10 FTE and an additional \$ 1.50 additional per FTE for districts with more than 2570 FTEs.

Cultural Activities Grant

This grant is intended to assist districts in providing opportunities for students to be exposed to Francophone culture, by sponsoring various French cultural activities that could include visiting musicians/authors or children's theatre groups, field trips or special "days". Neighbouring school districts are encouraged to cooperate to "make the money go further".

The grant is based on enrolments in both Core French and French Immersion, and is calculated by adding together the applicable rate combination that follows:

<u>Cultural Activity – Core French</u>	
1-1000	\$450
1001 and more	\$900
<u>Cultural Activity –French Immersion</u>	
1 and more	\$900
<u>Cultural Activity – Core French</u>	
10,000 – 15,000	\$450
15000 and more	\$900