



## AP 3-203 – BASIC FRENCH, FRENCH LANGUAGE IMMERSION

### BACKGROUND

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The Division encourages opportunities for its students to learn French and other languages through French Immersion Programs, Basic French courses.

Western School Division operates a Kindergarten to Grade 8 French Immersion program located at Maple Leaf School from K to 4 and at École Morden Middle School from Grades 5 to 8. In 1990 the board of trustees approved an immersion program to run to the end of Grade 6. In 1995, it was reviewed, and a decision was made to take it to the end of Grade 8. Currently French Immersion programming for K-4 is offered at Maple Leaf School, 5-8 programming is offered at École Morden Middle School, and 9-12 courses are offered at Morden Collegiate.

### PROCEDURES

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- Early start French is offered to all students from Kindergarten to Grade 3.
- Basic French is offered to all students from Grade 4 to Grade 8.
- Basic French is provided as an option for Grades 9-12.
- French Immersion is provided as an option for all students from Kindergarten to Grade 8.
- French Immersion courses are offered to students in Grades 9-12.

\*Note: No student in Grade K-8 will be excluded from Early Start or Basic French without the approval of the Student Services Administrator

Reference:

Section 79, Public Schools Act  
Section 23, Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms

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