

Why study French?

There are so many great reasons to learn another language.

For some, it allows them to communicate with family members abroad or in other parts of Canada. For others, it prepares them for career opportunities that take them around the world.

Yet others find that being able to speak another language can make a trip a little easier and more enjoyable. Mostly, learning a second language is fun.

At Stratford Northwestern, we offer French as a second language, which meets students' needs for Canada's other official language.



A focus on oral and practical applications is coupled with the grammatical expectations of the Ontario curriculum. Students are able to order food in a restaurant, ask directions, and get other important information while traveling. They can also talk about themselves and their interests.

As students advance through FSF2D, FSF3U, and FSF4U, an increased level of fluency is developed. Students are able to carry on a conversation in French and read novels, short stories, and newspaper articles. They are also prepared to move on to university.

People with second language skills have an infinite number of career opportunities available to them. There is a great demand for employees who can speak French.



French Studies at Stratford Northwestern



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Grade 9 Courses:

FSF1D: Academic (compulsory)

This course emphasizes the further development of oral communication, reading, and writing skills. Students will build on and apply their knowledge of French while exploring a variety of themes. Readings will include short stories, articles and poems.

OR

FSF1P: Applied (compulsory)

This course emphasizes the development of communication skills, using the theme of media. Students will expand their ability to understand and speak French through conversations, discussions and presentations.

Grade 10 Course:

FSF2D: Academic

This course enables students to increase their knowledge of the French language, further develop their language skills, and deepen their understanding and appreciation of Francophone culture around the world. Exploring a variety of themes, students will develop and apply critical thinking skills in discussion, in their analysis and interpretation of texts, and in their own writing.

***Prerequisite: French, Grade 9,
Academic or Applied***

Grade 11 Course:

FSF3U: Academic (University Preparation)

This course draws on a variety of themes to promote extensive development of reading and writing skills and to reinforce oral communication skills. Students will gain a greater understanding of French-speaking cultures in Canada and around the world through their reading of a variety of materials, including a short novel or play. Students will produce various written assignments, including a formal essay.

***Prerequisite: French, Grade 10,
Academic***

Grade 12 Courses:

FSF4U: Academic (University Preparation)

This course draws on a variety of themes to promote extensive development of French language skills. Students will consolidate their oral skills as they discuss literature, culture, and current issues. They will read a variety of texts and will write a formal essay. The use of correct grammar and appropriate language conventions in both spoken and written French will be emphasized throughout the course.

***Prerequisite: French, Grade 11,
University Preparation***

J'aime

le français