



French Immersion program enrolment in PEI continues upward trend

More students across the province are learning reading, writing and arithmetic in French, as new data shows overall participation (measured by percentage of eligible students) in the immersion program is up in PEI for the 15th consecutive year.

With approximately 4600 PEI students in the French Immersion stream this year, total enrolment in the program increased by over 400 students from the previous year.

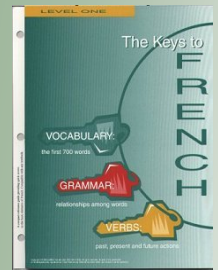
Gail Lecky, executive director Canadian Parents for French, in Charlottetown, said she is not surprised that enrollment in the French immersion program continues to increase, but it is time for the province to take the next step.



“French Immersion is still an alternative program, so when you see a constant increase in enrollment for the program, you know the demand is there and the school district should be supporting it” said Lecky. Can you imagine the popularity of the program if it were offered in more Family of Schools (Souris Family does not have immersion at all)? In addition offering more access points (the Western schools only have one late immersion entry school) would also help parents access French Immersion for their children without long bus rides or no access at all.

“It is time to look at these options and to look at making French Immersion a regular offering in our schools. The value of French /English bilingualism in Canada is not going to go away. We need to ensure that all our students have the opportunities available to them through bilingualism.

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The Keys to French, Levels I, II, and Les Clés, available for \$5 from CPF PEI \$5

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Katy Dorgan joins the CPF PEI staff

Katy grew up in Tignish PE where she graduated from Westisle High School in 2008 with a bilingual high school diploma. After graduating she made her move to attend Oulton College in Moncton. Her Travel and Hospitality diploma took her to Lake Louise, AB for the next year. This inspired her to return to school for hotel and restaurant management and has spent the last three years working at Rodd Crowbush. She decided it was time for a change and now she is here with us at CPF for the winter!

Katy is working on developing a “Learning Guide” to be used for Les Rendezvous de la francophonie activities.

Become Bilingual! Enroll in French Language Training at Collège Acadie Î.-P.-É. Today

Collège Acadie Î.-P.-É. offers several options to anyone who wants to learn French, to improve their skills or to become fluently bilingual: evening classes, self-directed learning, tutoring and skills maintenance sessions. The next evening classes and skills maintenance sessions are scheduled to begin the week of January 12 in Charlottetown, Summerside, Montague and Deblois. The enrolment deadline is this coming December 8. The self-directed learning courses and tutoring sessions can begin at any time.

The [evening courses](#), offered once a week for 11 weeks, are 33 hours long. The oral French program is structured into four beginner levels, four intermediate levels, advanced levels and upgrading courses. Instruction follows a communicative approach in which learners are central to their learning. A different theme is explored at each level. Courses are scheduled for the evening that best suits the preference of the majority in each group.

For those who want more flexible French courses, Collège Acadie Î.-P.-É. suggests the [Pour l'amour du français program](#), which operates completely based on students' availability and combines self-directed learning with online content and telephone or online support from tutors.

Collège Acadie Î.-P.-É. also offers a flexible [tutoring service](#) designed around the client's needs and schedule, on a short or long-term basis.

Those who are already fairly fluent in French but are looking for a place to practice and improve their skills can take [skills maintenance sessions](#) combining informal conversation, a review of certain points of grammar and class presentations.

Those interested are invited to get more information by phoning 1-877-854-3010, extension 246, or emailing info@collegeacadieipe.ca. More details can be found at www.collegeacadieipe.ca.



Are you or your child interested in improving or maintaining your french?
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CPF PEI Provincial Concours d'art oratoire—Teachers and students should be preparing for the annual Concours d'art oratoire for Grade 10—12 students to be held in April 2015. Thousands in scholarships and lots of great prizes and awards! Information will be sent to teachers in October 2014.

Encounters with Canada—French Student Excellence Awards— Five lucky students ages 15-17 years old will have a chance to be awarded a week at the Encounters with Canada program starting in January 2015. This information in the schools, **Deadline is December 12, 2014.**

Early French Immersion Information Sessions— this year the English Language School Board held these sessions in 6 schools. If you missed a session and want more information please go to our web site <http://pei.cpf.ca/french-immersion-enrollment-information>.

CPF Chapters—Want a Chapter in your school to enhance and enrich your child's French education? Call CPF PEI at 902-368-3703 It's easy to begin!

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In the Survey of Supervisors of Bilingual Employees (CPF) July 29, 2008ISPO Survey states that ...” a substantial majority of respondents view bilingualism as an important asset to their company (81%)”.

This quote from John Lauerman (Aug 30, 2011 www.bloomberg.com) speaks clearly about the value of bilingualism in business “*Speaking the language confers a huge advantage for anyone who wants to do business in a non-English-speaking country,*” he said. “*It gives you flexibility, knowledge that you need, and personal connections that can make a difference in the speed and effectiveness of your negotiations.*”

Learning a second (or third) language has its own rewards, travel, cultural appreciation, increased intellectual intelligence, scholastic achievement, citizenship, and more. **Prince Edward Island has traditionally had the 3rd highest enrollment of French immersion students per capita in Canada. We have the opportunity to do more just by opening more doors.**

School Boards seeking French tutors/subs

Parents looking for tutors should contact the English language School Board. If you are a teacher or want to tutor you should register with the school board at 902-368-6825 .

Tips for language learning

If you make conversation a goal from the beginning, you are less likely to get lost in textbooks. Talking to people will keep the learning process relevant to you. The creative side is really being able to put the language that you're learning into a more useful, general, everyday setting – be that through writing songs, generally wanting to speak to people, or using it when you go abroad.

FRENCH VOCABULARY [French Word-A-Day](#)

poster is **l'affiche** (which sounds like LA FISH).

Imagine a mermaid putting up a poster of a **FISH**.





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December Important dates

- December 5 no school
- December 23 last instructional day 2014
- December 24 Christmas Eve
- December 25 Christmas Day
- December 26 Boxing day



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