

TUNING INTO FSL

Supporting French Teachers in Our Schools
Holy Spirit Catholic School Division

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LE SAVAIS-TU?

Did you know that anyone from the age of 11 to 99 years can take the DELF ?

Although the levels of proficiency remain the same, the content in the DELF JUNIOR/SCOLAIRE is suitable for youth and the DELF TOUT PUBLIC is used for anyone who has graduated from high school.

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The DELF Exam



WHAT IS THE DELF?

The DELF is an official qualification awarded by the French Ministry of National Education to certify the competency of candidates from outside France in the French language. There are over 170 countries with over a thousand examination centres that offer the DELF and the DALF (a higher level) to individuals willing to evaluate their French skills at an international level. Each year, more than 300,000 diplomas are awarded worldwide. The DELF exam has five parts: oral interaction, writing, listening and reading.

WHY TAKE THE DELF?

Above all else, French Immersion and French as a Second Language students will have spent from 9 to 13 years learning the language by the end of Grade 12. Their achievement in French should be recognized on an international level. This international diploma is good for life. It can enable a student to get into a French University, enhance a resume to get a job or promotion and stand as proof of your years of hard work in Canada's second official language. Students who take the DELF at an earlier and lower level will be more comfortable with the format when they take it at the secondary level.

WHO TAKES THE DELF?

- Junior high and high school students
- Teachers, and administrators
- University or college students
- Government employees at the municipal, provincial or federal level
- Prospective employees in national and multinational companies
- Employees in a Canadian branch of a French company
- Anyone age 11 to 99 years who is a French language learner!

WHERE CAN I TAKE THE DELF?

The University of Lethbridge offers the DELF exams in their French Language Centre. They even offer conversation classes and preparatory classes to DELF candidates. The exam sessions will be held in April and November. For more information, please visit the following website:
<https://www.ulethbridge.ca/artsci/modern-languages/french-language-centre>

DEL F/DAL F LEVELS OF PROFICIENCY

USE THESE LEVELS FOR ANY LANGUAGE!

Take
the
DEL F

DEL F: Diplôme d'études en langue française

DEL F
A1

The A1 level recognizes basic knowledge. It is the most basic level at which a language is used, called the "discovery" stage. At this stage, the learner can interact in a simple way: they can speak about themselves and their immediate environment.

DEL F
A2

DEL F A2 recognizes the linguistic competency of a basic user. The candidate can communicate in simple and routine tasks requiring the most common polite phrases and exchanges of information. The candidate can express themselves in the past and future tenses.

DEL F
B1

At this level, the user becomes independent. B1 candidates can maintain interaction: they can understand and maintain a discussion and give an opinion. They are capable of dealing with situations likely to arise in daily life.

DEL F
B2

A B2 user has a degree of independence that allows them to construct arguments to defend their opinion, explain a viewpoint and negotiate. At this level, the candidate has a degree of fluency and spontaneity in regular interactions and is capable of correcting their own mistakes.

DAL F: Diplôme approfondi de langue française

DAL F
C1

Language users at level C1 are independent. They can express themselves fluently and spontaneously. They have a large vocabulary and can choose the appropriate expression to introduce their comments. They can produce clear, well-structured discourse without hesitation and which shows controlled use of structures.

DAL F
C2

C2 users' proficiency in the language is illustrated by precision, appropriateness and fluency of expression. C2 candidates are capable of using the language for academic and advanced-level purposes.

Register for the DEL F/DAL F in March and October each year! The exam is usually offered at a low price, but this year it is FREE!

