



Information for Parents and Guardians
French Second Language Assessment Pilot
for Grade 10 Immersion Students
April 24 – 28, 2006

What is the French Second Language (FSL) Assessment Pilot for Grade 10 Immersion Students?

This assessment pilot is an important component of the Provincial Evaluation Program which focuses on how well French Immersion students are progressing in acquiring the French language. Because it is being administered in this form for the first time, this assessment is regarded as a pilot and will help establish processes and procedures for use in the future.

Will all grade 10 French Immersion students take part?

All grade 10 students enrolled in French Immersion will participate. For the purpose of this assessment, the term "French Immersion students" refers to those students who are receiving at least fifty percent of their instruction for the year in French.

What is being assessed?

The assessment will have two parts: a reading component and a writing component.*

Reading – Students will be presented several French fiction and non-fiction passages. After each reading, they will answer questions to assess their understanding of the passage.

Writing – Students will produce a French composition in response to a prompt.

Will the assessment really take a full week?

No. It will be administered in two sessions during the week of April 24. Specific scheduling of the sessions is the responsibility of the school.

Who will mark the students' work?

A marking session will be conducted by the Department of Education. French Immersion teachers and district office staff will be invited to participate.

How will results be reported?

Results will be produced showing how well grade 10 French Immersion students have performed in reading and writing in their second language. Each district will receive information pertaining to its schools in addition to district and provincial data. The results will be important to the Department of Education in developing and finalizing the French Second Language Assessment for Grade 10 Immersion Students.

* A random sample of students from the Immersion and Core French programs will be selected to participate in the Grade 10 FSL Oral Proficiency Evaluation. These students will be interviewed by a provincial evaluator during the months of April and May.

For more information about this assessment, please contact the
New Brunswick Department of Education (Tel: 506- 453-2744).

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Please acknowledge receipt of this information bulletin with your signature and ask your child to return it to the school. Thank you.

Signature _____

Date _____