

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT 5 SOUTHEAST KOOTENAY

POLICY

FRENCH IMMERSION

SECTION 3.15

The Board of Education recognizes and supports the value of providing opportunity to students for a bilingual education. To this end, the Board of Education offers French Immersion Programs as an educational option in School District 5 (Southeast Kootenay).

In addition to providing French Immersion Programs to those families accorded the right to instruction in the French language under the *Minority Language Educational Rights* provision of the *Charter of Rights and Freedoms*, the Board of Education is equally committed to providing access to French Immersion Programs, in accordance with the *BC School Act*, as enrolment, facilities, financial resources, staff resources, and school organization permit.

French Immersion is an optional program and students can and do transition from Immersion into the regular program for a variety of reasons. This is accomplished through a consultative process involving the family, the student when appropriate, the child's teacher(s), school based team, as well as the school administration.