

## **The Vision and Goals of the French as a Second Language Curriculum in Ontario**

In Ontario, there are three French as a Second Language programs - Core French, Extended French, and French Immersion - to meet the diverse needs of Ontario's students. All three of the French as a Second Language programs share a common vision and set of goals.

The vision states: Students will communicate and interact with growing confidence in French, one of Canada's official languages, while developing the knowledge, skills, and perspectives they need to participate fully as citizens in Canada and in the world.

In all three French as a Second Language programs, students realize the vision of the FSL curriculum as they strive to meet the following goals.

The first goal is to use French to communicate and interact effectively in a variety of social settings;

The second goal encourages students to learn about Canada, its two official languages, and other cultures;

The third goal helps students appreciate and acknowledge the interconnectedness and interdependence of the global community;

The fourth goal emphasizes students' responsibility for their own learning, as they work independently and in groups;

The fifth goal gives students the ability to use effective language learning strategies;

The sixth goal is to enable students to become lifelong language learners for personal growth and for active participation as world citizens.

These goals apply to all three French as a Second Language programs from grades 1 to 12.

In order to achieve these goals, the revised FSL curriculum is founded on seven Enduring Ideas. In the next presentation, we will discuss the Enduring Ideas in detail.