

According to the Education Act, the *Fédération des conseils scolaires francophones de l'Alberta (FCSFA)* through the *Centre francophone d'éducation à distance (CFED)* requires that Francophone students in Alberta who wish to register in French, first language courses through distance education register in a francophone school in Alberta. Only designated francophone schools can offer French as a first language courses. Alberta Distance Learning Centre (ADLC) offers French immersion courses and French as a second language courses only. ADLC does not offer Français courses since it is not a Francophone School Authority. Please note that each Francophone School Authority has its own admission policy. These come from the primary admissibility requirements as stated in Section 23 of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

In nine provinces and in the Yukon and the Northwest Territories, most people speak English. In these areas, Canadian citizens have the right to have their children educated in French if any of the following three situations apply:

- The parent's first language is French,
- One parent received his/her own primary education in Canada in French, **or**
- One parent has a child who has received or is receiving his or her education in French in Canada.

Francophone students who are interested in taking distance education courses in French and are not presently registered with a Francophone School Authority are required to adhere to the following procedure:

1. The student, parent, guardian or school must contact the Principal of the Centre francophone d'éducation à distance (CFED) at 780-910-6146.
2. The CFED Principal will ensure that the child meets East Central Francophone Education Region No. 3 admission policy.
3. The CFED Principal will contact the francophone high school closest to the prospective student's residence and inquire if the school administration agrees to registering and facilitating the learning of the student.
4. If the francophone school administrator agrees with the request, the parent will be directed to the assigned school administration for registration and discussion on how his/her child needs will be met.
5. For funding purposes, the CFED Principal will send an e-mail to the Francophone School Authority's contact person confirming the student registration.
6. If the francophone school chooses not to register the student for lack of resources, the CFED Principal will register and provide educational support for the student at CFED.

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