Parental Involvement

The LNFI PTO is an active community of parents and teachers coming together to build, strengthen and support educational, enrichment, and extra-curricular opportunities within a Francophone environment. It is an inclusive and integral part of our school community.

Learn more about this organization at lnfi-pto.org

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Coding, technology and robotics are taught in our Makerspace (Atelier STIMA) and in our LEGO league team.

Before & After School Care

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L’Étoile du Nord French Immersion

Celebrating 25 years of nurturing bilingual global citizens, this highly successful program welcomes all students. Offering French Immersion Education with strong Arts, STEM, Enrichment and Parental involvement. LNFI is the first school/phase of the Pre-K to 12th French immersion program in the St. Paul School District. Students continue to Ramsey Middle School (6 - 8) and Central High School (9 - 12) for the full immersion pathway.

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Our students exceed district and state achievement in standardized testing.

In addition to learning a second language and culture, immersion education research has demonstrated that bilingual students have significant academic, cognitive, social and employment benefits.

Pre-K & K Full-day programs

We offer full day Pre-K classes. New students can join the program in Kindergarten or 1st grade. French language fluency is developed in a warm and supportive environment.

Parents do not need to speak French at home to aid their child’s development. Homework and communications are sent home in English (other languages available upon request).

Specialist Instruction & Enrichment

All students are exposed to a variety of curriculum subjects. Instruction in French is provided in academic content areas by licensed teachers: Science, Art, Physical Education, Makerspace, Library and Special Education.

Additional enrichment activities include: Theater & Dance residencies, Geography & Spelling Bees, Lego League, Student Council and Overnight Field Trips in Grades 3, 4 & 5.

After School Community Education programs are also offered: French choir, French soccer, Chess, Yoga, Robotics and more.

French Intern Program

Each year LNFI recruits several francophone interns to assist in the classrooms. Students benefit immensely from exposure to these additional cultural and linguistic resources as well as a lower student-teacher ratio. Families also have the opportunity to host interns in their homes for a semester.

Why French Immersion?

- About 200 million people worldwide speak French.
- After English, French is the 2nd most taught language in the world.
- French and English are the only languages spoken on 5 continents.
- Appreciation and understanding of a different culture.
- More than one million Americans speak French at home.
- As a Romance Language, it is an excellent grounding for learning Spanish, Italian, Portuguese and Romanian.

Learn more about bilingualism and how it enhances early brain development:

leadwithlanguages.org/why-learn-languages/early-childhood-elementary/
ertheo.com/blog/en/learning-a-second-language/
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