

## **CBE Second Language Initiative Update –Q & A**

### **Why are you doing this?**

This change is being made to provide more choice for students and their families across a range of language programs and also across a range of programs of study. By providing students with flexibility across a range of programs, they are able to design the best program to help them meet their life and learning goals. This could include deciding to study one or more additional languages or to extend optional or required courses. This change is part of the CBE's commitment to personalization of learning for every student every day.

### **What second language learning will the CBE offer? Will this impact immersion and bilingual programs?**

Our rich immersion and bilingual programs will continue to be offered across the city. Second language programming will also be offered in Grades 7 to 9. In Grades 4 to 6, principals will work with their school communities to assess desire for a language option.

Students and families who chose additional language learning as an option will be provided opportunities to do so.

For more information, for CBE immersion and bilingual programs, check [Language Programs](#).

### **Canada is a bilingual country – why not continue to make learning a second language mandatory?**

We continue to offer French immersion and French as a second language programs within the wide range of courses mandate in the Alberta Program of Studies, established by Alberta Education. Within CBE's second language programs, French continues to be the most widely offered and accessed language.