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DELF Examinations and Diplomas for Grade 12 Students

November 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians,

DSBN students enrolled in Core French or French Immersion throughout the board are becoming more familiar with the Diplôme d'études en langue française (DELFL). This assessment of proficiency in French is based on the Common European Framework of Reference for languages, which is embedded in our Ontario FSL curriculum. Upon successful completion of a student's DELFL evaluation, a DELFL certificate will be awarded by the French Ministry of National Education (France). The certificate will indicate the level of the student's proficiency that was successfully challenged and is recognized worldwide by employers and post-secondary institutions.

The DSBN would like to provide an opportunity to Grade 12 students enrolled in either Core French or French Immersion this year to challenge the DELFL, through the support of our FSL secondary staff members who are trained in the DELFL evaluation, as well as the Centre DELFL de l'Ontario. The capacity to offer this opportunity through the DSBN allows for students to challenge the DELFL during the respective semester in which they are enrolled in a Grade 12 French course. The Semester 1 offering of DELFL will take place in November and the Semester 2 offering will take place in April. DSBN students in grade 12 will have the opportunity to challenge the DELFL once at the following levels:



Students who participate in DSBN French Immersion and Core French programs until graduation naturally prepare themselves to challenge the DELFL at a higher level. Success in our DSBN French programming and a DELFL certification are both valued accomplishments that are useful to students' academic, cultural and professional goals.

WHAT DOES THE DELFL TESTING LOOK LIKE?

The DELFL evaluations are opportunities for students to demonstrate their proficiency in the same four components as our Ontario FSL Curriculum: Listening, Reading, Writing and Speaking.

There are 4 components to the DELFL testing for each level:

- **Component 1: ORAL COMPREHENSION:** Students will demonstrate their ability to comprehend authentic conversations and productions of French.
- **Component 2: WRITTEN COMPREHENSION:** Students will demonstrate their ability to comprehend and interpret authentic texts in French.
- **Component 3: WRITTEN PRODUCTION:** Students will demonstrate their ability to express themselves in French for a specific purpose and audience.
- **Component 4: ORAL PRODUCTION:** Students will demonstrate their ability to interact spontaneously and conduct themselves in an interview-setting with 2 DELFL qualified evaluators.

Each component is evaluated out of 25 points. Students must achieve a minimum of 5 out of 25 points on each component, with a total of 50 out of 100 points to earn certification in their pre-selected DELFL level.

For more information about the components and levels of the DELFL exam and to see sample interviews, past examinations and tips and tricks, [please visit our DSBN Student DELFL Website.](#)

GRADE 12 REGISTRATION AND TESTING INFORMATION:

November 2023 Testing:

B2 = Monday, November 13

B1 = Tuesday, November 14

A2 = Wednesday, November 15

Students must register using this [ONLINE REGISTRATION FORM](#) that will also become available through their DELF contact teacher and the [DSBN Student DELF website](#).

Registered students must submit the attached [GUARDIAN CONSENT FORM](#) to their French teacher by the end of the school day **on Thursday, October 12, 2023**. Incomplete and unreturned consent forms will result in an incomplete registration. Students must adhere to the deadlines required for registration. Testing will occur at the student's school while the oral evaluations (Production Orale) will take place at Laura Secord Secondary School - 349 Niagara Street St. Catharines, ON. Students must complete their testing on the dates given as per France's Ministry of National Education as outlined below:

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

DELF EXAM LEVELS	DATE OF LISTENING, READING & WRITING EXAMINATIONS AT STUDENT'S SCHOOL	TIMES	DATE OF ORAL EVALUATIONS AT LAURA SECORD SECONDARY SCHOOL	TIMES
B2	November 13, 2023	12-2:30PM	November 13	4-8PM
B1	November 14, 2023	12-1:55PM	November 14 or 15	4-8PM
A2	November 15, 2023	12-1:40PM	November 15	4-8 PM

Registration:

- Students can test during the session of their choice; however, they will only have **one** opportunity to test. ie: If they register in November and can't attend for any reason, they will not be able to register for the April session and will need to pursue testing on their own through Alliance Française at their own cost.
- The schedule for oral evaluations (Production Orale) will be communicated to students via **the email they used to fill out the registration** once enrollment has closed. Students are encouraged to use their DSBN email.
- We must adhere to France's Ministry of National Education policies and procedures; therefore, we cannot accommodate alternate dates and times for testing

Testing Day:

- Reading, writing, and listening tests will take place at home schools (this will impact some students lunches and bussing)
- Interviews will take place in the evening at Laura Secord Secondary School (349 Niagara Street, St. Catharines)
- **Students must arrange transportation to and from Laura Secord for their oral interview.**
- Students will be assigned a time to arrive at Laura Secord for their interview (Approx. Duration: 1 hour from arrival time)
- Parents/Guardians will not be permitted in the building

For further questions, please speak with your DELF French teacher contact at your school.

Thank you for considering this opportunity,
Jennifer Murray
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