

SECOND LANGUAGE PROGRAMS

Background

HPSD believes that students should have the opportunity to receive second language instruction. Schools may provide opportunities for students in kindergarten to grade 12 to receive instruction and to acquire and maintain proficiency in alternate second language courses. Alternate second language programs in HPSP are offered in accordance with Sections 14 and 19 of the *Education Act* and, as such, do not satisfy the rights of the Francophone minority under Section 23 of the *Charter of Rights and Freedoms*. Section 23 parents wanting to enroll their children in a Francophone program will be referred to the Northwest Francophone Regional Authority No. 1. (Conseil scolaire du Nord-Ouest)

Procedures

1. General

- 1.1. The decision and ability to offer second language courses and/or programs is made at the school level.
- 1.2. The programs offered within HPSP will be in accordance with the Program of Studies, policies, procedures and guidelines of Alberta Education.
- 1.3. Schools are encouraged to support second language instruction that reflects community culture.

References

Education Act, Sections 14, 17, 19,
Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, Section 23