
Foreword

The Intermediate Core French is a prescribed program of study, authorized by the Minister of Education in accordance with the *Schools Act, 1997*.

Section 117 (a) and (b) speaks to the prescription of programs of study: *The Minister may:*

- (a) prescribe books, materials, programs and courses of study for schools;
- (b) issue policy directives, ...

The Schools Act, 1997 also sets out the responsibilities of teachers. Section 33 (c) specifically speaks to prescribed programs:

A teacher's responsibilities shall include teaching the courses of study and education programs that are prescribed or approved under this Act.

Intermediate Core French is an outcomes-oriented curriculum. Students must have learning experiences which enable them to attain the prescribed outcomes for grades 7, 8 and 9, as set out in this guide. It is recommended that ten percent (10%) of instructional time be allocated to the study of French, as outlined in the *Program of Studies*, which is published annually by the Department of Education.

