



Supporting Literacy Learning at Home

School Council Forum

As you arrive, you are invited to explore the texts available in YRDSB schools!
What connections can you make?

After you've read, listened to, or watched a great story, what is on your mind?

How do you prefer to engage with texts?
listening (e.g. podcast, radio);
reading (e.g. book, article);
watching (e.g. video, art)

Literacy is a human right.

In YRDSB, we are all teachers of literacy and ensure:

- Each student has the right and ability to thrive through literacy;
- Literacy learning occurs across all grades, subjects, and disciplines; and
- Students' identities, home languages, and experiences are honoured.



Guiding Principles

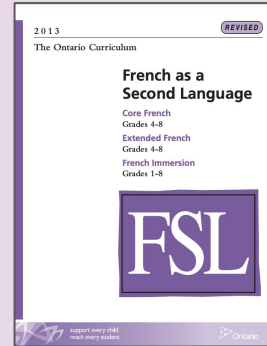


- Builds and nurtures relationships
- Affirms identities while building critical consciousness
- Holds high expectations
- Builds agency and choice
- Centres equitable and differentiated assessment and instruction

Curriculum Information

Grade 1-8 Language Curriculum - NEW

Grade 9 De-Streamed English - ENL1W - NEW



2023 Grade 1-8 Language Strands

B1. Oral and Non-Verbal Communication

B2. Language Foundations for Reading and Writing

B3. Language Conventions for Reading and Writing

Strand A
Literacy Connections and Applications

A1. Transferable Skills
A2. Digital Media Literacy
A3. Cross-curricular and integrated learning

Strand B
Foundations of Language

C1. Knowledge about Texts

C2. Comprehension Strategies

C3. Critical Thinking in Literacy

Strand C
Comprehension:
Understanding and Responding to Texts

Strand D
Composition:
Expressing Ideas and Creating Texts

D1. Developing Ideas and Organizing Content
D2. Creating Texts
D3. Publishing, Presenting, and Reflecting

What's New?

Printing & Cursive Writing:

- Literacy learning happens across the day and educators will be providing explicit instruction in a variety of contexts
- Printing and cursive will be taught within a context of phonics instruction as well as within a variety of meaningful and engaging opportunities.
- Printing and cursive are just one expectation within many expectations.
- It will be taught throughout the year and is not one unit of study.

Foundational Skills:

- Foundational skills means:
 - Oral language, reading, vocabulary, fluency and comprehension
- Foundational skills will be taught through purposeful and meaningful contexts where students are immersed in rich literacy experiences.

Grade 9 De-Streamed English

The expectations in the [ENL1W curriculum](#) are organized into the same strands:

Strand A: Literacy Connections and Applications

Strand B: Foundations of Language

Strand C: Comprehension: Understanding and Responding to Texts

Strand D: Composition: Expressing Ideas and Creating Texts

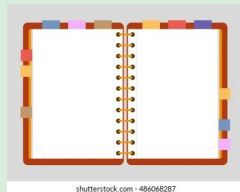
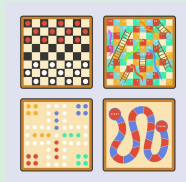
Families are children's first teachers!



How do you support your child with literacy at home?

- Foster meaningful literacy experiences
- Make time to read different kinds of texts (books, videos, articles)
- Engage with and about texts
- Encourage conversations through oral language (including home language)
- Browse online together based on areas of interest

Support your child's literacy learning



- Reading many different types of books
 - Stories, poems, comic books, novels, song lyrics, magazines, online media
- Reading and talking in various languages
- Storytelling
- Puzzles and Games
- Making lists together
- Creating cards and notes for friends or family
- Reading and writing recipes
- Journalling

Supporting the Adolescent Learner



THINK

access, manage, create and evaluate information in order to think imaginatively and critically to solve problems and make decisions, including those related to issues of fairness, equity and social justice

EXPRESS

use language and images in rich and varied forms to read, write, listen, speak, view, represent, discuss and think critically about ideas

REFLECT

apply metacognitive knowledge and skills, develop self-advocacy, a sense of self-efficacy and interest in life-long learning

Literacy Supports for Families

- Literacy at Home - New Curriculum Support
 - [Ministry Guide: Language Grade 1-8, A Guide for Parents](#)
 - [Ministry Guide: Grade 9 English, A Guide for Parents](#)
 - [TVO Learn](#)



Q Hi, what are we looking for today?

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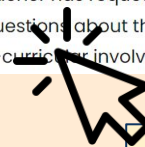
Family Engagement

Engaging is an ongoing process.

Parents and families are our most important partners in educating children. In keeping with this philosophy, there are many ways for families to become engaged in their child's school and education.

We encourage families to discuss their children's experiences at school daily. This discussion can involve what the child learned at school, any homework that was assigned, when assignments are due and if the teacher has requested anything from you or your child. It is also important to ask questions about their social experiences at school (who their friends are, extra-curricular involvement).

This image is linked to the WWW Family Engagement page on the YRDSB website and includes ways to get involved in your child's learning.



Click the term for the linked slides

Visit the YRDSB
Family Resource
page to find out
how can you
engage in your
child's learning?

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Family Resources



Family Start-Up Forms

Important forms families are required to complete at the start of each school year.

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IT Support for Families

Looking for help with Board technology or learning platforms? We can help.

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Translation Tools

Learn more about translation tools available.

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Privacy Considerations

Learn how to protect your child's privacy online.

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Attendance

Report your child's attendance online. Learn how.

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Family-Teacher Interviews

Learn more about what to expect and how to make an appointment.

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Ontario



EarlyON Child and Family Centres offer free, high-quality programs for families and children from birth to 6 years old.



Child and Family Centre

Suggested Websites to Support Elementary Literacy Development



Online Student Tools to Support Secondary Literacy Development

[Online Student Tools and Resources \(YRDSB Website\)](#)

Books, Media, Music and Videos



ON-Core

On-Core is a Canadian Streaming Video Library designed specifically for Ontario teachers and Students.

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Curio

CBC and Radio-Canada streaming service for classroom use in English and French.

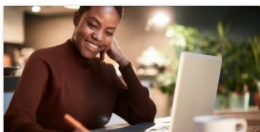
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Media Smarts

Resources on media and digital literacy, including online safety, ethics and privacy. Internet, video games and more.

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National Film Board (Office nationale du film du Canada)

Over 3,000 films, documentaries, animations experiential films, interactive works and more in French and English.

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Sora eBooks

Access e-Books and audiobooks that can be read on mobile and desktop devices at school and via the Sora App on personal devices.

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Read Write Think

Reading and Language Arts resources

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Research Databases



Canadian Encyclopedia

Bilingual, online encyclopedia featuring authored, accurate and updated articles focused on Canada's history and culture.

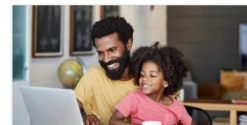
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Encyclopedia Britannica

Online English encyclopedia includes reference articles, journals, magazines, websites, multimedia, audio, videos and images.

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Britannica Fundamentals (Britannica Learning Zone)

Games and articles for young learners (Kindergarten to Grade 2)

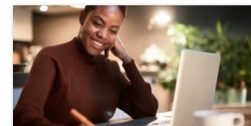
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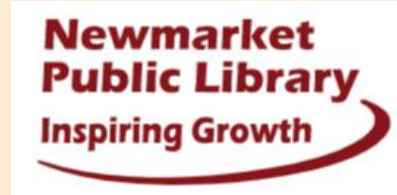


Gale Online Databases - by Subject

Trusted multimedia digital resources for research in all areas of the curriculum for academic, appropriate research. Integrate to your Google Drive.

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Exploring York Region Libraries



Reflecting on Supporting Literacy Learning at Home

Take a moment to reflect on this evening's presentation on *Supporting Literacy Learning at Home*.

What is something that resonated with you?





Thank
You



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