

World Languages

State Certified Immersion Schools

The Louisiana Department of Education is proud to announce the 2025 State Certified World Language Immersion Schools. These schools are establishing and maintaining high-quality, highly effective dual language immersion programming that leads to biliteracy, student achievement, and positive self-esteem. All schools were honored at both the Teacher Leader Summit and at the June 2025 BESE Meeting.



Program effectiveness depends not only on the quality of its implementation but also on the understanding of specific non-negotiables, as well as the investment in and respect of all stakeholders. These elements form the cornerstone of a successful immersion pathway. In accordance with RS 17:273.2, the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) developed and implemented a process to designate DLI programs with at least three (3) years of evidence and that consistently meet the qualifying criteria as "Certified World Language Immersion Education Sites." Congratulations to our State Certified Immersion schools!

Congratulations to these outstanding schools!

2025 - 2028 State Certified Immersion Schools



**Baton Rouge FLAIM
Elementary School**
East Baton Rouge Parish
Toni K. Morgan
Principal



**Westdale
Middle School**
East Baton Rouge Parish
Ramona J. Remble
Principal

Baton Rouge Foreign Language Academic Immersion Magnet (FLAIM) is a PreK4 - grade 5 magnet school within the East Baton Rouge Parish School System. The unique program combines academic excellence with foreign language immersion in French, Mandarin, or Spanish. FLAIM students are taught math, science, and social studies in their immersion language.

Westdale Middle School's World Language Immersion Magnet Program is recognized as a National Magnet School of Excellence and with France's Label FrancÉducation distinction. The program offers innovative immersion in Spanish, French, and Mandarin. Through rigorous academics and cultural integration, students master core subjects in the target language, becoming bilingual and biliterate.



**Mamou
Elementary School**
Evangeline Parish
Mitchel Fontenot
Principal

Mamou Elementary School, a State Certified French Immersion school since 2016, fosters French language proficiency and cultivates an appreciation of the local community's deep Francophone heritage. With strong community support, the program reflects a shared commitment to preserving local culture while providing inclusive, high-quality education for students of all backgrounds and abilities.



**Lafayette
High School**
Lafayette Parish
Layne Edelman
Principal

Lafayette High School offers an immersion experience that provides lifelong benefits, such as enhanced creativity, problem-solving skills, and social abilities. Grade 9 - 12 students enrolled in the World Language Magnet Academy take content courses not only in English but also in French or Spanish. Upon graduation, students may earn the Louisiana Seal of Biliteracy as well as the Immersion stole and cord.



**Prairie
Elementary School**
Lafayette Parish
Melissa Brumley
Principal

Prairie Elementary's French Immersion program, rooted in Lafayette's Cajun French heritage, serves Pre-K through grade 5. Through daily instruction by native-speaking educators, students build bilingualism and cultural pride, contributing to the revival of French in our community while mastering core academics aligned with Louisiana State Standards.



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**Audubon Charter
Lower Elementary**
Orleans Parish
Missy Forcier
Principal

**Audubon Charter
Upper Elementary**
Orleans Parish
Marina Schoen
Principal

Audubon's French Program offers a one-way immersion model where students learn 70% of the day in French. Taught by native Francophone educators through the CODOFIL partnership, it combines Louisiana's curriculum with the French national framework, fostering bilingualism, intercultural understanding, and academic excellence within a vibrant multicultural learning community. Celebrating 40 years of excellence in 2026, the program serves nearly 500 students from kindergarten to grade 8.

2024 - 2027 State Certified Immersion Schools

Fairview Elementary School Calcasieu Parish	Geraldine Boudreaux Elementary School Jefferson Parish	Hynes Charter School Lakeview Campus Orleans Parish	Hynes Charter School UNO Campus Orleans Parish
International School of Louisiana Dixon Campus	International School of Louisiana Uptown Campus	International School of Louisiana Westbank Campus	Lycée Francais de la Nouvelle Orleans Priestley Campus

2023 - 2026 State Certified Immersion Schools

Frasch Elementary School Calcasieu Parish	Henry Heights Elementary School Calcasieu Parish	Oak Park Middle School Calcasieu Parish	Prien Lake Elementary School Calcasieu Parish
S. J. Welsh Middle School Calcasieu Parish	W. W. Lewis Middle School Calcasieu Parish	Evangeline Elementary School Lafayette Parish	Myrtle Place Elementary School Lafayette Parish
Teche Elementary School St. Martin Parish			