

Ontario has 12 French language school boards with over 425 French language schools, and rights holders, under section 23 Charter Rights & Freedoms have a right to instruction in English or or in French of a minority population. Anyone though, can submit an application for admission to a French language school.

It should be noted that English schools in Ontario have 3 French as a second language programs – core, extended and immersion French – but all 3 are not at every school. To earn a high school diploma(30 credits) in Ontario, a minimum of one credit from a French class is mandatory.

<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/amenagement/admission.html>

The following illustrates enrolment by grade and language, as of 2010-11

<b>Grade</b>	<b>English Language</b>	<b>French Language</b>	<b>Total</b>
Junior Kindergarten	113,791	8,107	121,898
Kindergarten	119,529	7,929	127,458
Grade 1	125,114	7,647	132,761
Grade 2	124,935	7,233	132,168
Grade 3	123,866	6,917	130,783
Grade 4	129,171	6,750	135,921
Grade 5	128,021	6,500	134,521
Grade 6	132,059	6,555	138,614
Grade 7	135,543	6,109	141,652
Grade 8	138,549	6,195	144,744
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,270,578</b>	<b>69,942</b>	<b>1,340,520</b>

### **Elementary**

<b>Grade</b>	<b>English Language</b>	<b>French Language</b>	<b>Total</b>
Grade 9 <sup>***</sup>	151,294	5,973	157,267
Grade 10	157,899	5,996	163,895
Grade 11	161,198	5,854	167,052
Grade 12	216,047	7,084	223,131
<b>Total</b>	<b>686,438</b>	<b>24,907</b>	<b>711,345</b>

### **Secondary**

*Source: As reported by schools in Ontario School Information System (OnSIS), 2010-2011\* (Final). Data includes public and Roman Catholic schools and school authorities. Data excludes private schools and publicly funded hospital and provincial schools and care, treatment and correctional facilities.*

## **Education Funding** <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/educationFacts.html>

- ⌚ For 2010-11, the government's total investment excluding capital was \$20.3 billion.
- ⌚ For 2010-11, the government's total capital investment was \$0.9 billion.
- ⌚ In 2010-2011, there were 114,441.07 full time equivalent (FTE) teachers, consisting of 70,760.03 elementary and 43,681.04 secondary teachers.
- ⌚ In 2010-2011, there were 7,411.44 FTE administrators (principals and vice-principals), consisting of 5,315.39 elementary and 2,096.05 secondary administrators.
- ⌚ In 2010-2011, there were 1,435.00 FTE early childhood educators.

The Association des Enseignantes et des Enseignants Franco-Ontariens has 10,000 teachers in 450 schools. ( the different number from above is 2010 vs. 2012)

It is very difficult to get an actual cost, but the Sun article lists 621 million per year including education for French services in Ontario. It must be wrong, even if it is from the Fraser Institute. If you multiply 10,000 teachers by even 40,000 dollars in salary without pension and benefits, you get 400 million without accounting for bricks, mortar, electricity, school board staffing etc.

<http://www.torontosun.com/2012/01/15/bilingualism-costs-ontario-big-bucks>

A very detailed report prepared for the Fraser Institute in 2006, with an obvious slant in my opinion, also confuses the numbers.

<http://www.fraserinstitute.org/uploadedFiles/fraser-ca/Content/research-news/research/publications/official-language-policies-of-canadian-provinces.pdf>

In 2008, Act 55 was passed, in about 4 minutes from all parties, creating the **O**ntario French-language Educational Communications Authority Act, 2008.

[http://www.ontla.on.ca/web/committee-proceedings/committee\\_transcripts\\_details.do?locale=en&BillID=1985&ParlCommID=8858&Date=2008-06-05&Business=&DocumentID=23075](http://www.ontla.on.ca/web/committee-proceedings/committee_transcripts_details.do?locale=en&BillID=1985&ParlCommID=8858&Date=2008-06-05&Business=&DocumentID=23075)

The Act lists their language of work is French and following Minister of Education guidelines, operate TFO( television franco Ontario) with 130 employees and about 23 million dollar budget, for about 400,000 Francophones.

. <http://news.ontario.ca/edu/en/2008/04/giving-french-language-tv-its-own-voice.html>