

Family Involvement

All families of L'Etoile du Nord students are integral to our school community.

Whether volunteering to support your child's teacher or participating in our Parent/Teacher Organization (PTO), we invite everyone to share their gifts and talents. Family involvement supports students' academic success and deepens their sense of community engagement.

Learn more at Infi-pto.org.

Free Bussing

Saint Paul Public Schools provides free bussing to and from L'Etoile du Nord for families living within Saint Paul city limits.

Students living outside of Saint Paul are welcome to attend L'Etoile du Nord, but families will need to provide their own transportation.



Before and After School Care

Extended day care is provided by Discovery Club. Learn more about the program and pricing at spps.org/discoveryclub.

Contact Us

Phone: (651) 744-6970
Address: 1760 Ames Place E
Saint Paul, MN 55106
Website: spps.org/frenchimmersion
Visit us: Call to schedule a tour!

Enroll Today!

Start the enrollment process by visiting the Student Placement Center website at https://apply.spps.org/enroll_now or by contacting the center directly.

Student Placement Center

Phone: (651) 632-3760
Email: spc@spps.org
Address: 2102 University Ave West
Saint Paul, MN 55114



M E R C I !



Bonjour! L'Etoile du Nord French Immersion is a **public, tuition-free school** serving Pre-K through 5th grade students throughout the Saint Paul area.

For **more than 25 years**, our **exceptional, dedicated staff** have prepared students to be lifelong learners that **succeed in a multilingual, global community**.

We welcome students from all backgrounds. We know that **the diverse experiences of families enhance our school community** and teach students to have a broader, global perspective.

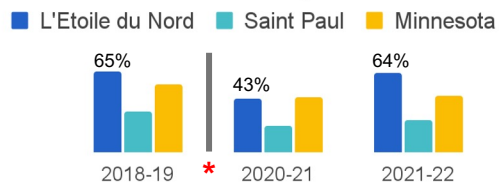


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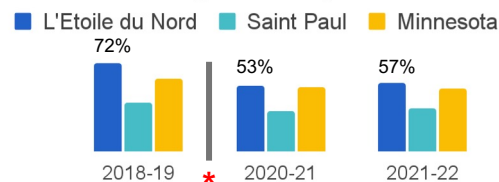
Our students receive personalized learning experiences and small group instruction designed to help them excel. Homeroom teachers, specialists, assistants, and native French-speaking interns help L'Etoile maintain a lower student-to-educator ratio and promote academic advancement.

Historically (including post-pandemic) L'Etoile students show high standardized test scores, exceeding both district and state averages.

MCA Math Proficiency 2018-2022



MCA Reading Proficiency 2018-2022



* 2019-2020 no MCAs administered due to pandemic

Social Emotional Learning (SEL)

All students are unique. L'Etoile du Nord uses evidence-based practices and provides continuous learning opportunities to educators so every student can thrive in a safe, joyful, engaging environment. Staff use approaches such as:

- Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports (PBIS)
- Culturally Responsive Teaching
- Fraser Mental Health and Inclusivity/ Neurodiversity Education
- Zones of Regulation®

Immersion Learning Benefits

Research consistently shows that learning another language (especially at a young age) is linked to:

- Higher academic achievement (through standardized test scores)
- Improved cognitive development, including critical thinking and problem solving
- More positive attitudes towards the cultures and peoples associated with the language being learned

Why Choose French?

French is a global language!

- It is the second most learned foreign language after English, and the fifth most widely spoken language in the world (~300 million speakers worldwide).
- French is an official language in 29 countries across 5 continents.
- French provides excellent grounding for learning Spanish, Italian, Portuguese and Romanian. It is also a good base for English learners, as much of English vocabulary is derived from French.



How is French Used in Class?

Starting with full day Pre-K and Kindergarten, and continuing through 5th grade, L'Etoile students receive instruction primarily in French. In addition to the classroom, specialist classes such as Science, Technology Engineering, Art, Math (STEAM) and Physical Education are also taught in French.

Our teachers are native or fluent French speakers from around the globe, and most have studied or lived abroad.

Do I Need to Speak French?

Families do not need to speak French at home for students to succeed at L'Etoile du Nord.

In addition to helping students learn French, we provide support for English Language Learners.

Can I Join L'Etoile at Any Time?

We welcome students to join L'Etoile du Nord at any point in their education, Pre-K through 5th grade. We invite interested families with children in 2nd grade or higher, who do not speak French at home, to meet with us to ensure L'Etoile is the best fit for their child.

What Happens After 5th Grade?

L'Etoile du Nord students can continue their immersion pathway through Hidden River Middle School (6-8) and Central High School (9-12). Students following the immersion pathway form strong social bonds that continue throughout their lives.