

## HOW DO STUDENTS SIGN UP?

By March 1, 2024 all eligible students will receive an invitation via GEM to register for the Spring 2024 DELF administration. To complete their registration, students must:

- click the link provided to access the online registration form
- complete the form (includes choosing the DELF level they intend to challenge)
- submit their completed form by March 19, 2024

Upon submission, a confirmation message will be displayed and a copy of the form will be emailed to students' GEM account for reference.

## WHAT'S NEXT?

Confirmation of participation will be sent to students by March 25, 2024 along with instructions on how to sign-up for their oral interview. To secure their participation, students must sign-up for an oral interview slot by April 3, 2024.

*Please note that student results may be used anonymously by the District for planning purposes and to refine Board objectives. Individual student results are not shared with schools. Participation is completely voluntary.*

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## RESOURCES FOR STUDENTS:

### SELECTING A DELF TEST LEVEL

The OCDSB offers students a choice of 3 test levels: A2, B1, or B2.

- Students are encouraged to seek input from their FSL teacher, but are ultimately responsible for choosing their own DELF test level.
- DELF charts outlining the language expectations at each of the three DELF Levels offered are now available [on our webpage](#).
- *France Éducation internationale* provides several resources to help students select the most appropriate test level and prepare for their test. These include individual test criteria, detailed descriptions of test components, access to sample tests, and preparation resources (see links under "Présentation des 4 examens" on their website for more details).

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Refer to our [DELFLF webpage](#) for more information. For questions related to DELF registration, please contact [delftesting@ocdsb.ca](mailto:delftesting@ocdsb.ca)



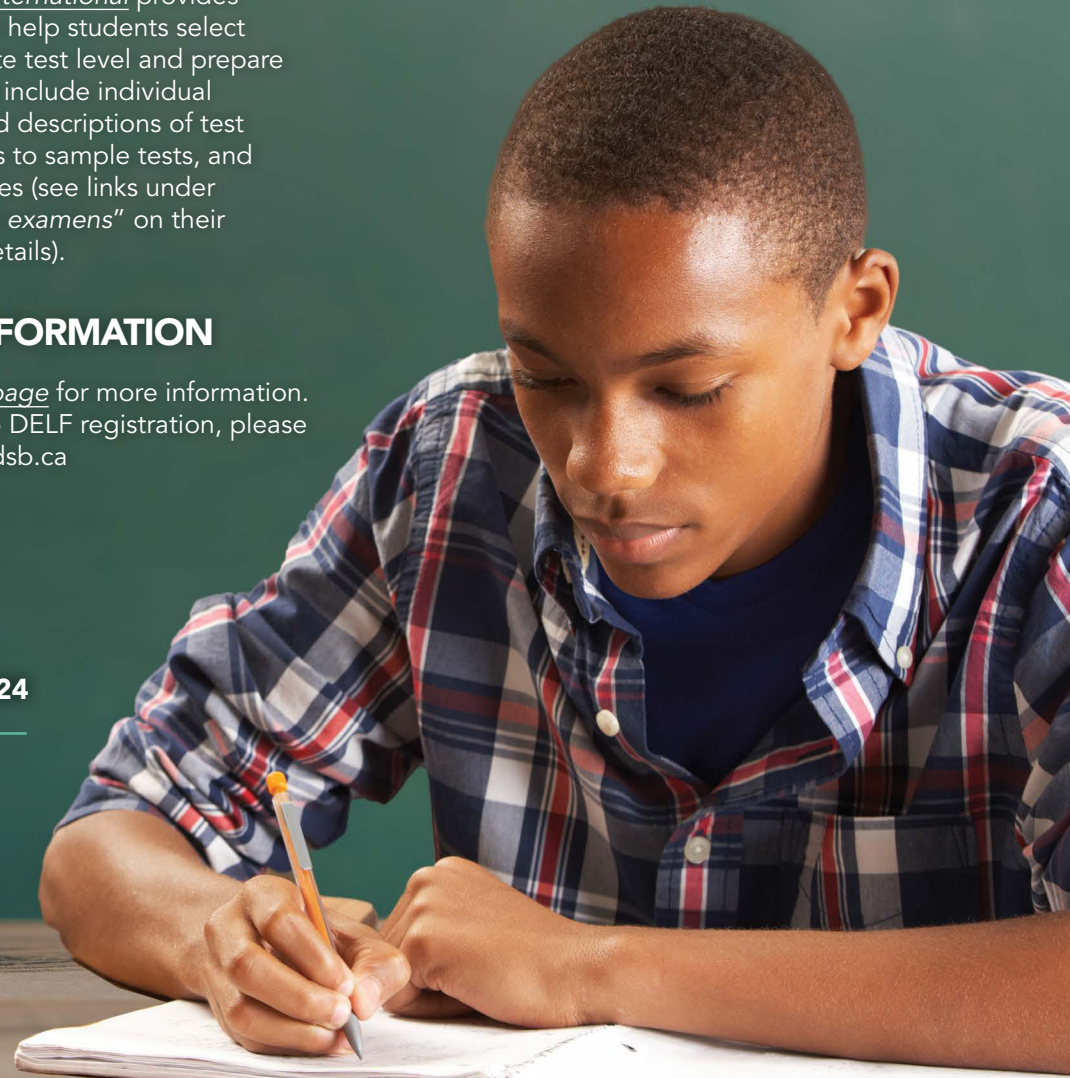
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# Information for OCDSB Grade 12 FSL students about the DELF

*(Diplôme d'études en langue française)*

**Spring 2024 Deadline:**  
March 19, 2024





## WHAT IS THE DELF?

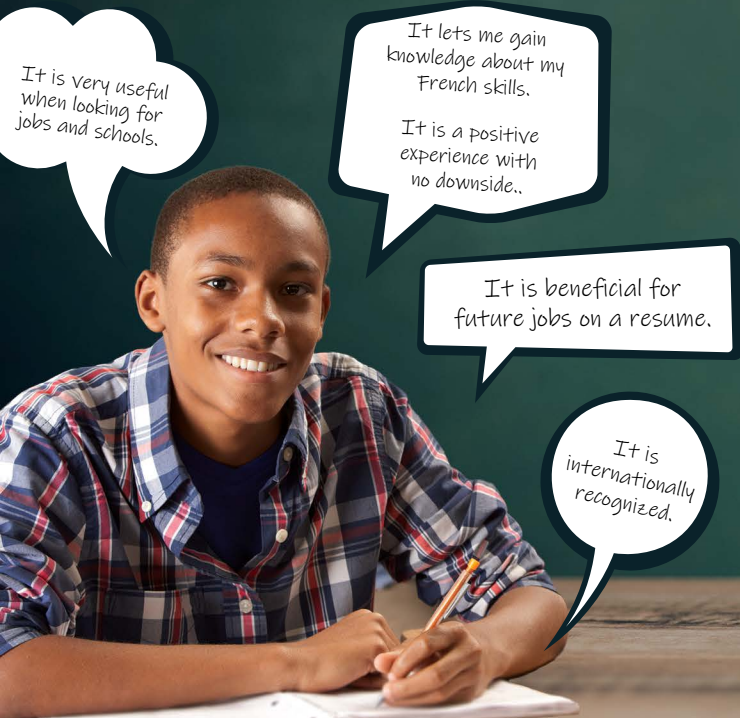
The *Diplôme d'études en langue française* (DELF) is an internationally recognized test of French proficiency. It is based on the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR), which defines language proficiency along six global levels: A1, A2, B1, B2, C1 and C2. At each level, proficiency is measured across four competencies: listening, speaking, reading, and writing. The French Ministry of National Education awards successful candidates a diploma.

## DELF AT THE OCDSB

The OCDSB offers the DELF to students during the semester in which they take their Grade 12 French course. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, DELF administration was paused in the Spring of 2020. The OCDSB resumed the DELF in the Fall of 2021.

## STUDENT VOICE

The DELF continues to be a valuable experience to students, as evidenced by some of the feedback received in 2019:



It is very useful when looking for jobs and schools.

It lets me gain knowledge about my French skills.  
It is a positive experience with no downside..

It is beneficial for future jobs on a resume.

It is internationally recognized.

# SPRING 2024 ADMINISTRATION:

## WHO CAN TAKE THE DELF?

**Current students** who are either:

1. enrolled in a Grade 12 FSL class this semester, or
2. have previously earned their Grade 12 FSL credit through reach-ahead or e-learning and have NOT previously participated in the DELF. This includes students learning in-person at either a semestered or non-semestered secondary site, as well as those at an OCV site.

## WHAT IS REQUIRED?

To obtain a DELF certificate, a student must successfully pass both a written exam and an oral interview at the DELF level of their choice (A2, B1, or B2).

**Written exams:** (which take approximately 2 to 2.5 hours to complete) are scheduled internationally by France Education International and must occur simultaneously across the country. These will be conducted at the student's school (for in-person students) and at the Confederation Education Centre (for OCV students, as well as reach-ahead or e-learning students where necessary) on the following dates:

- **Test level B2**  
Monday April 15 starting at 12:00 Noon
- **Test level B1**  
Tuesday April 16 starting at 12:00 Noon
- **Test level A2**  
Wednesday April 17 starting at 12:00 Noon

Rescheduling will not be possible for students who are unavailable to attend the written exam.

**Oral interviews** are approximately an hour in length, inclusive of approximately 30 minutes of preparation time. Interviews will be held at a single, central location: **Confederation Education Centre**, April 19 and May 12, 2024.

**Transportation** to and from this location is the responsibility of the student. Participating students will schedule their interview date and time in advance using our Pick-A-Time online scheduling system.

Students with an **Individual Education Plan** can expect to receive accommodations consistent with their IEP, which will be requested from the school's Site Coordinator and shared securely and confidentially with the DELF administrative team. Questions or concerns should be directed to [delftesting@ocdsb.ca](mailto:delftesting@ocdsb.ca).

## HOW TO PREPARE FOR THE DELF

Your French class offers lots of opportunities to practice your French skills. However, you can always:

- Complete practice tests & written evaluations
- Strategize & practice in preparation for the oral debate
- Practice speaking spontaneously
- Attempt listening tests & sample interviews