

Bureau de l'éducation française Division

The French Immersion Program in Manitoba

WHAT IS THE FRENCH IMMERSION PROGRAM IN MANITOBA?

- A K to 12 **bilingual education** in which students whose first language is not French receive most of their instruction in French in order to learn the language.
- An **integration of language and content-area instruction** in which students learn to communicate in French while learning most subjects in French.
- **French, the language of instruction**, is the means of **communication** in the classroom and throughout the school.

(The French Immersion Policy in Manitoba, 2023)

WHAT IS THE VISION OF THE FRENCH IMMERSION PROGRAM?

The French Immersion Program develops proud, confident, engaged, plurilingual global citizens.

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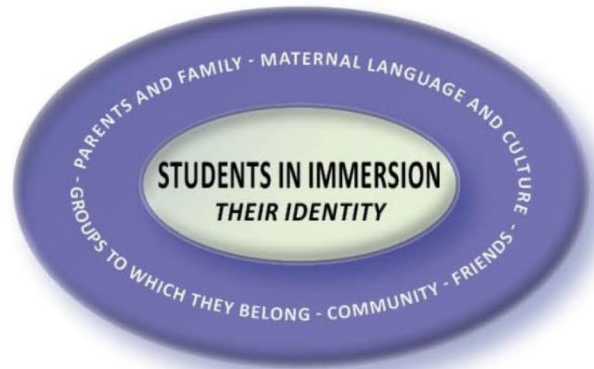
- interact spontaneously, autonomously, and confidently in French
- engage in the Francophone community
- foster openness to other languages and cultures

WHO IS THE FRENCH IMMERSION PROGRAM FOR?

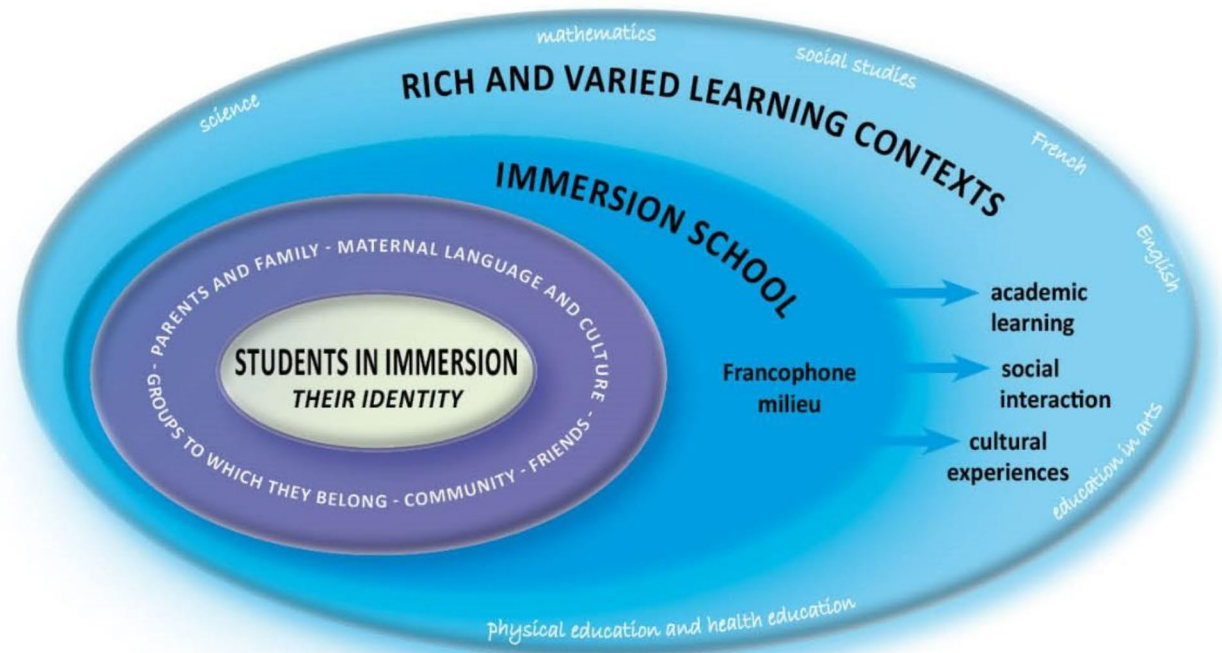
French Immersion is an inclusive program intended for **ALL students** with various abilities and needs whose first language is not French and who have little or no knowledge of the French language.

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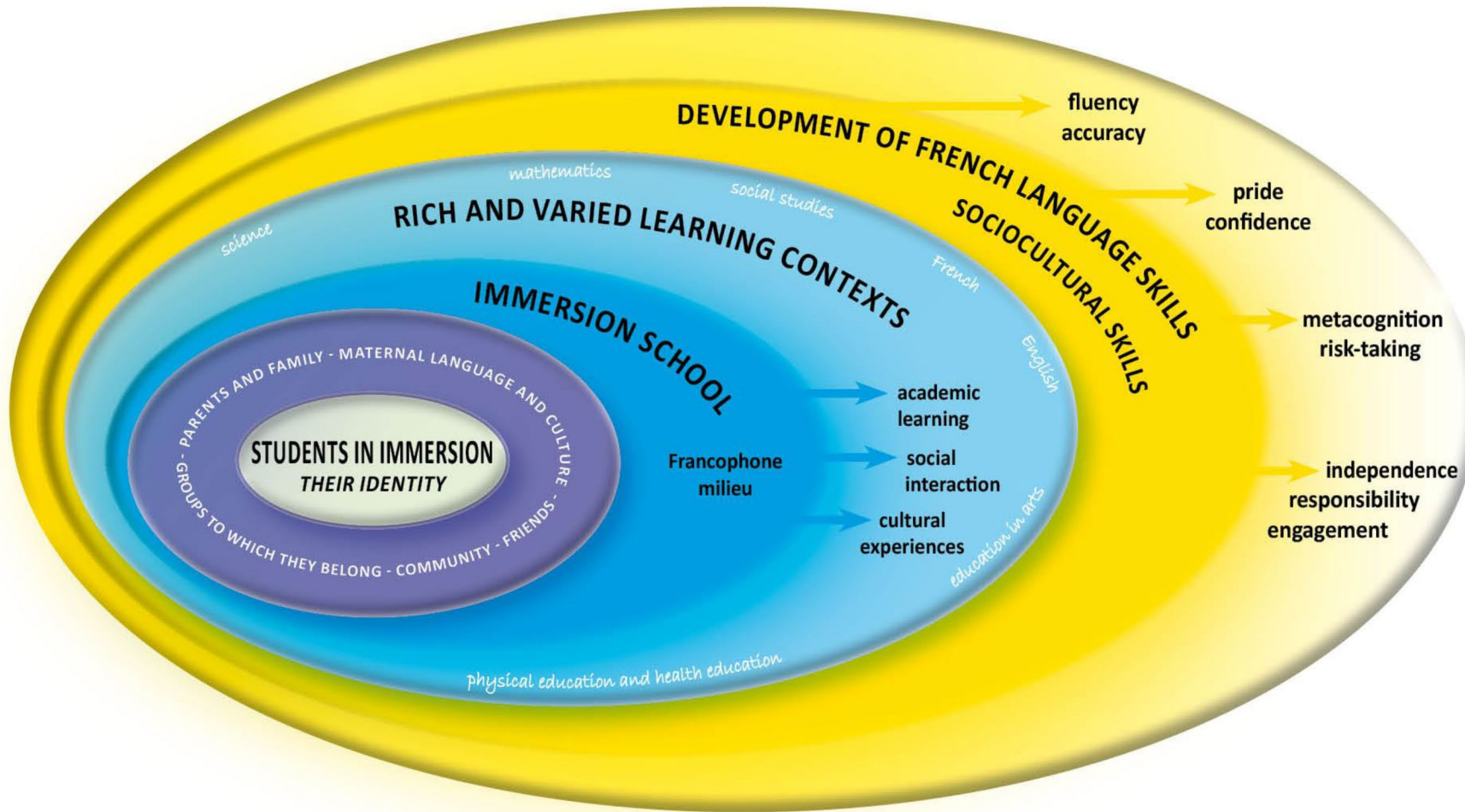
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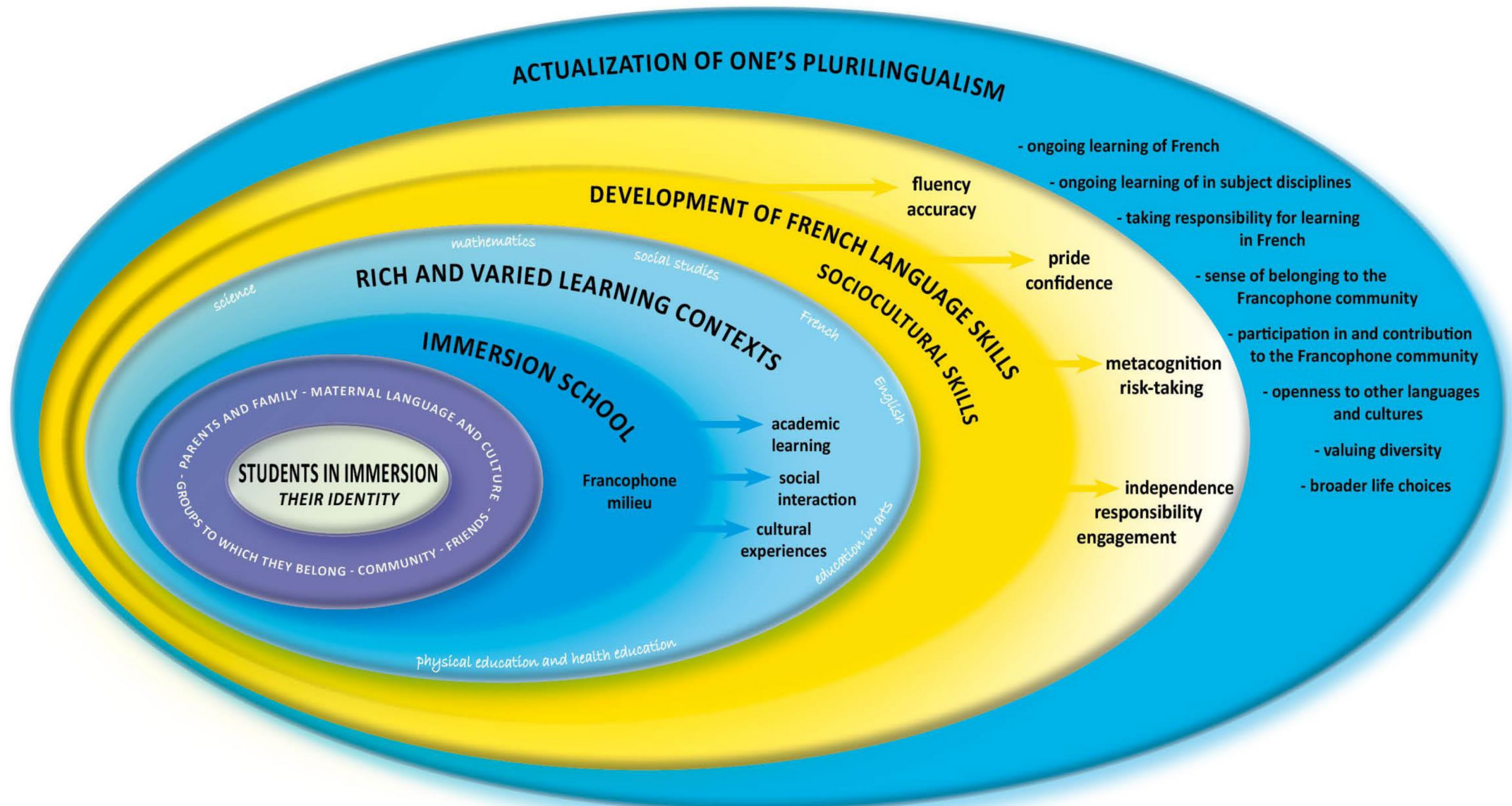
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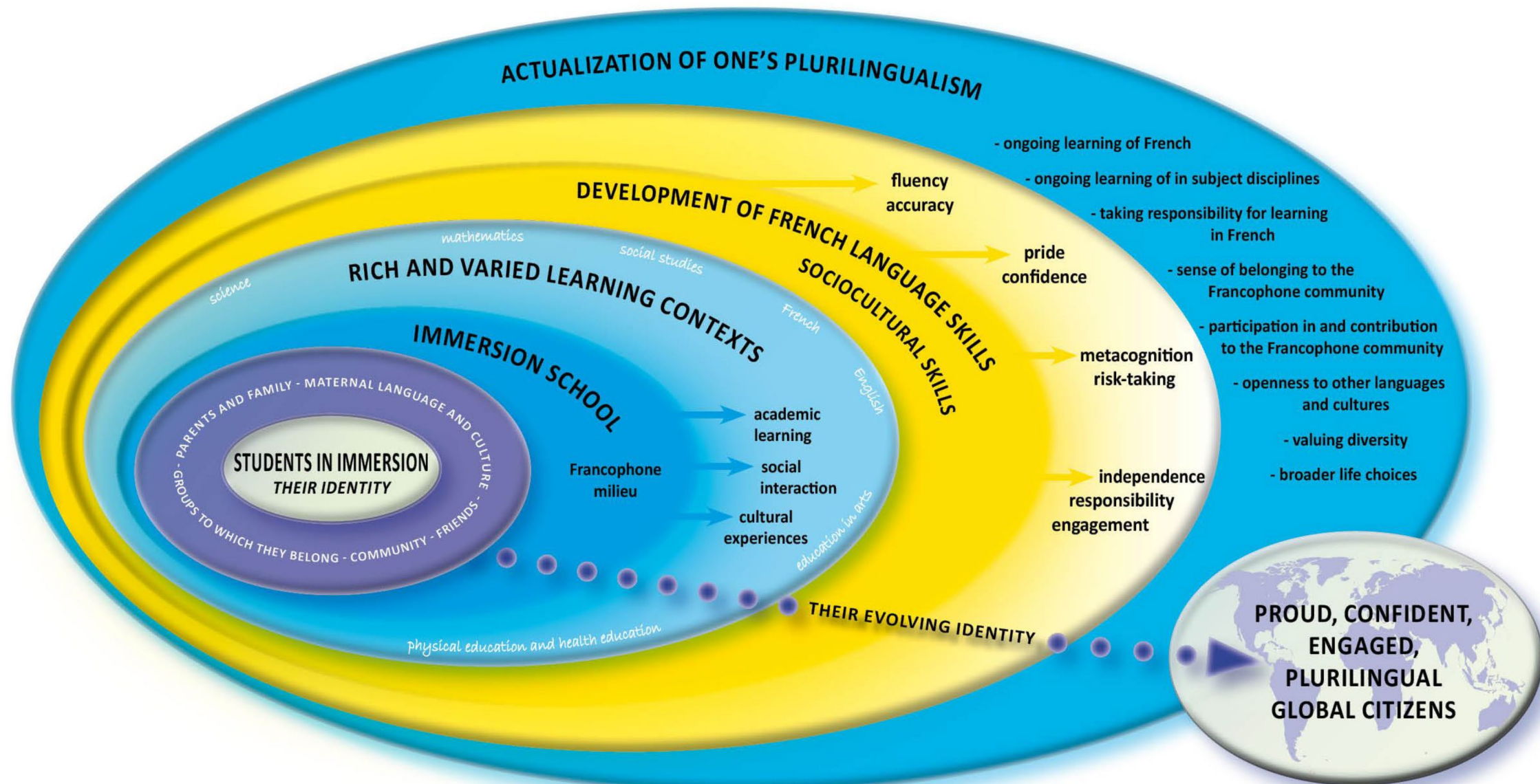
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WHEN CAN A STUDENT ENTER THE FRENCH IMMERSION PROGRAM?

The most common official entry point in Manitoba:

Early Immersion – Kindergarten or Grade 1

Depending on the school division, other official entry points in Manitoba may include:

Middle Immersion – Grade 4

Late Immersion – Grade 6 or 7

Flexible entry points

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WHAT ARE THE INSTRUCTION TIMES AND GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS?

GRADE GROUPING	% OF INSTRUCTION TIME IN FRENCH
Kindergarten	100%
Grades 1–6	75–80%
Grades 7–8	50–86%
Grades 9–12 Minimum Graduation Requirements	Minimum 15/30 credits in French <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grade 9 – min. 4 credits• Grade 10 – min. 4 credits• Grade 11 – min. 3 or 4 credits• Grade 12 – min. 3 or 4 credits

FRENCH IMMERSION IN MANITOBA BY THE NUMBERS

The French Immersion Program began in Manitoba in 1973 with 50 students, and 50 years later we have

- 28,023 students
- 1,500 teachers
- 23 school divisions offering the French Immersion Program
- 115 French immersion schools (43 single track and 72 dual track)

(Statistics: 2023)

HOW CAN YOU AS PARENTS HELP YOUR CHILD IF YOU DON'T KNOW FRENCH?

- Be supportive and enthusiastic.
- Read to your children and encourage writing.
- Introduce language word games like crossword puzzles, word searches, and board games in their first language.
- Provide opportunities to use French outside of the classroom.

Adapted from: Canadian Parents' for French, [10 Answers for Parents about French Immersion](#)
Manitoba Education & Early Childhood Learning, ["Common Questions", My Child in School](#)

Questions?