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Secondary students successful in DELF testing

During Education Week earlier this month, 16 Grade 12 students from Fort Frances High School and Atikokan High School took the Diplôme d'études en langue française (DELF) exam. The Rainy River District School Board is pleased to announce that all students passed.

Six students took the A2 exam and 10 students took the B2 exam at Confederation College on May 6-9, 2019. An internationally recognized test, the DELF exam evaluates students' ability to use French in real-life situations. Like EQAO, this exam has strict guidelines on who administers the exam, as well as when the exam is written.

The DELF exam includes an oral, written and reading comprehension component. The oral component begins with the students giving a brief 3-5 minute speech about themselves, followed by a spontaneous interactive exercise, and finally, they talk about a given situation. For this last exercise, each student is given time to prepare for their discours with the "correcteurs". The correcteurs are the teachers who have been certified in Thunder Bay to administer the exam. At RRDSB, there are 5 correcteurs who are certified to administer to the B2 exam and 2 correcteurs who are certified to administer up to the A2 exam.

"A B2 level is what is required to be considered bi-lingual," said Andrew Harris, Superintendent of Education. "This will open up many opportunities for the students. We are very proud of the extra effort they put forth to earn this certification. We also want to thank the French teachers in the Rainy River District School Board who help prepare and support students writing the DELF."

The successful students will receive a DELF diploma from France's Ministry of National Education. The diploma is recognized around the world and is valid for life.

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