



Language Nest Program 2019–2020 Application Assessment Criteria

All applications to the Language Nest Program are reviewed by an impartial Peer Review Committee, made up of First Nations' community members with experience in the Language Nest Program and immersion method of language learning for young children. The Peer Review Committee rates the applications based on demonstrated strengths, and recommends the strongest applications to FPCC to receive funding. The following are the criteria used by the Peer Review Committee in rating applications to this program.

Language Nest Program Application Assessment Criteria:

1. Capacity (4 points)

- Does the project team demonstrate sufficient capacity for the project (i.e. are there enough speakers to provide immersion, support staff, ECE staff, etc.)
- Do non-fluent staff have adequate language learning plans?

2. Commitment to Immersion (8 points)

- Does the project demonstrate a commitment to providing language immersion?
- Has an appropriate ratio of speakers to children been met? (not more than 1:5)?
- Are there two fluent speakers in the nest at all times?
- Is there a clean plan for achieving immersion and mitigating challenges?

3. Schedule (6 points)

- Does the schedule demonstrate realistic and achievable goals?
- Does the schedule meet the requirement of a minimum of 15 hours/week in immersion?
- Do the activities outlined in the schedule have realistic language outcomes?

4. Community and Parent Support and Involvement (4 points)

- Is there a clear plan for community and parent involvement in language nest activities, or a valid explanation if not?
- Does the application include a letter of support each from a community member and a parent?

5. Budget (3 points)

- Are the budget expenses clear and reasonable?
- Does the majority of the budget go towards staff and/or speakers?
- Has a minimum 10% cash contribution been included in the budget?
- Administration is no more than 10% and food is no more than 5% of the total budget?