

## Only 49 graduates of francophone high schools in PEI (Translated using Google Translate)

### Description

In Prince Edward Island, 49 students completed high school in French this year, representing 3% of all graduates in the province.

These figures do not worry Elizabeth Blake, director of the François-Buote school in Charlottetown.

“The population is increasing and our kindergartens are numerous. Next year we will have two kindergartens, two first, two second, two third, one four, one five and two six. So we will never have as many double classes,” she said.

The Chairman of the PEI French Language School Board, Émile Gallant, agrees.

“We have big numbers coming in the seven, eight and nine. We are very happy with the numbers we have.”

### The future of education in French

Over the last ten years, difficult to observe a trend. The number of Francophone graduates oscillates from one year to the next. Although the classes are more numerous, several young people migrate to the English-speaking system.

“There are several who have done that. I think in Grade 7, we started at 28 [students], or something like that. Now we are 15,” said Bryce Doiron, a graduate of the François-Buote school.

In Prince Edward Island, options for post-secondary education in French are limited, and some young people have to resign themselves to studying in English.

Between optimism and precariousness, the Francophone school system in Prince Edward Island holds out. But to ensure its viability, it is still necessary to convince that French education is a guarantee of success.

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