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## Developing French-English programs in NYC's Public Schools ...

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### Summary

- 1) Five **French after-school programs** in NYC's Public Schools
- 2) Two **dual language programs** started in September 2007
- 3) **Queens** Group is looking for a Public School to open a dual language program
- 4) **School Creation Assistance Council** looking for volunteers and for a leader for the project
- 5) The French Government donates **\$100,000** to NYC Public Schools programs
- 6) EFNY **501c3 status** leads to fundraising efforts: all hands on deck!
- 7) In the **media**: TV75, RFI, New York Times, Insideschools and more.

**Join us !**

If you want to attend our next meeting, please contact us at [info@efny.net](mailto:info@efny.net).



*Abba Traoré and Khadyja N'Gadajalloh, two students of PS 125's K dual language program that started last September.  
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*Hi everyone,*

*First and foremost, a big MERCI to all the supporters and volunteers who have participated or expressed their interest and enthusiasm for our mission.  
 Every effort big and small counts.*

*It has been two years since EFNY (Education Française à New York) was founded. We have been working in partnership with New York City's public schools and the French Government to provide French language education to the thousands of francophone and francophile children and families living in New York. We are pleased to announce the creation of our newsletter and share with you some highlights of our progress and projects.*

**1) After-school programs:** EFNY's French after-school programs are geared for the French-speaking child attending an American school. When requested by the school, we can also offer French as a second language. This year EFNY signed an agreement with the French Government confirming a partial grant to help jump-start the after-school programs. The grant, however, decreases every year. In 2006-2007 we had 80 students enrolled in classes at three public schools. In 2007-2008 there are five schools serving 120 students. Classes are taught by professional educators, all native speakers, and managed entirely by parent volunteers. Prices are kept at a minimum based strictly on cost. Many other schools have requested to have such programs. See the TV75 report on [www.efny.net/fr/testimonials.php](http://www.efny.net/fr/testimonials.php)

### 3 questions to Jacques



*Jacques Moiroud, teacher at PS 363 surrounded by Tom Nordanus and Nigel Neszuu*

#### **EFNY: How long have you been working with bilingual children?**

Jacques: I worked 5 years in a bilingual environment for the Ecole Française of San Diego (California), as a 1st and 4th grade teacher. In my 20-year career for the French Department of Education, I also had the opportunity to teach French as a foreign language in Great Britain and Louisiana.

#### **EFNY: What are your main projects to develop the kids' language skills?**

Jacques: This is an after-school program, so I try to favour a relaxed way of studying the fundamentals of the French Language, spoken, read and written, and also the French culture. I want my students to feel special about it and go home thinking: French is cool and I speak it!

#### **EFNY: What do you think about EFNY's mission?**

Jacques: I believe EFNY offers a wonderful opportunity for the bilingual children of New York Schools, a chance to maintain their heritage and practice their native language with other children. This is obviously a very generous and ambitious project that deserves its success. I see it work wonders everyday in the classroom.

**2) DOE Dual Language Elementary Classes:** In September 2007, the NYC Department Of Education opened Kindergarten Dual Language classes at PS 58 in Brooklyn and PS 125 in Harlem. Subsequent grade levels will be added every year to complete French-American elementary school programs. These programs cover the same curriculum as any New York State public school except that they are taught in French 50% of the time. Fifty percent of students are French speakers and fifty percent English speakers. Dual language programs benefit from some support from the French Government. To apply, please contact PS 58 (718 - 330 9322) and PS 125 (212 - 666 6400) directly. EFNY continues to encourage other Principals to start such programs in every neighborhood where there is a substantial French speaking community. Again, several parents groups in various neighborhoods are interested in seeing such programs open. To join this effort, contact us at [dual.language@efny.net](mailto:dual.language@efny.net)

**3) Queens:** A group of young parents in Queens is actively seeking a school willing to start a dual language program in September 2008. They can be reached at: [dual.language@efny.net](mailto:dual.language@efny.net)

**4) School Creation Assistance Council:** EFNY's School Creation Assistance Council is working on a plan for a fully bilingual, K-5 school in New York City. Still in the early stages, this exciting project opens the door to a bright future of bicultural, bilingual education for all French-speaking and francophile families in the New York area. When accepted by the Department Of Education, this will be the first public and free French American school in New York. The Cultural Services of the Embassy in Washington and in New York are working with EFNY to facilitate teachers' training. To volunteer, please contact: [creation@efny.net](mailto:creation@efny.net)

**5) French Government help:** The French Government is donating \$100,000 to support every program with various forms of support.

**6) The 501c3 status** of EFNY was confirmed last Fall. This means that your donation is tax exempt even retroactively. It also means that EFNY is going to launch a fundraising campaign for which we need all hands on deck, from sharing your address book to collecting donations for an event and sending out invitations. Get ready: this exciting adventure cannot happen without you, nor would you want it to happen without you. To join the Fundraising Council, please contact: [fundraising@efny.net](mailto:fundraising@efny.net)

**7) Media Buzz:** There is real momentum and EFNY's efforts have been reported in the media in France as well as in the United States. You can read the articles and watch the videos on [www.efny.net/fr/testimonials.php](http://www.efny.net/fr/testimonials.php). Some of the content you can see includes TV75 video about the after-school; Insideschools' article about dual language programs; a NY Times article about French programs; France Amérique; French Morning; Radio France Internationale; and more.

EFNY looks forward to a promising year and welcomes your support and participation. Don't wait, get involved today!

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**Register now for the spring semester of the French after-school programs!!!**