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Effective Practices for Improving French as a Second Language Education

Strategies for Teaching to Boys in FSL **Scott Kissau**

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Content of this Podcast

Scott Kissau gives strategies to teachers to help motivate their male students to learn French.

Facts

- ✓ For many boys, knowledge of the French language is only thought to be beneficial if one wants to become a French teacher. It is important that we show boys the value of learning French in Canada. Boys need to be made aware that knowledge of the language can lead to many career opportunities.

What you can do:

- Help find ways to show your male students that they are in fact as capable as girls.
- Allow your male students input into the choice of materials to read or the questions to answer.
- Brainstorm with your students before a test or present some of the strategies they need to study successfully.
- Encourage your students to establish personal goals. Students who set and later achieve short-term goals begin to develop intrinsic motivation.

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- Get to know your students and their interests. Then you can incorporate these interests wherever possible into your lessons to motivate all your students, not just the boys.
- Keep in mind that students learn in different ways. Males often prefer more active, hands-on learning. It really does help to use a variety of teaching strategies in your classroom if you want to meet the needs of all of your students.

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