Language reference levels for the Spanish bilingual programs of Alberta

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This study looks at establishing equivalencies between the Alberta Bilingual Spanish Language Arts Program of Studies and the 6 language reference levels described in the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR). This research project attempts to situate the six reference levels within the Alberta curriculum.

Facts
- The CEFR—with 6 different levels (A1, A2, B1, B2, C1, C2) – provides a basis for mutual recognition of language qualifications. More details of the CEFR are available at the following link: http://www.coe.int/T/DG4/Linguistic/Source/Framework_EN.pdf.
- Teachers would have access to a more detailed description of each outcome, with real language examples that could help them to interpret the curriculum more clearly.
- There would be a great impact on the teaching, learning, and assessment processes.
- Students are expected to achieve a B2 level by the end of the Grade 12 Spanish Bilingual Program.
- This method of correlation is now being applied towards the French Immersion and French Second Language of Alberta.