

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Do parents need to be of Ukrainian descent and/or speak Ukrainian?

It is not a requirement for parents to speak or be of Ukrainian descent. Many families in our program do not speak Ukrainian. In fact, some of our families are not of Ukrainian heritage. This will not inhibit your child's learning in any way.

### Does the time devoted to Ukrainian take away from other subjects?

No. In addition to teaching students Ukrainian Language Arts, students must learn exactly the same curriculum as students in the English Program.

### How can I help my child with homework?

Your child's homework assignments are prepared in such a way that they will have little to no difficulty following instructions and completing the work. If a problem arises, your child's teacher will be happy to help you find a solution.

### How much Ukrainian will my child use in the classroom?

Ukrainian is used as the language of instruction to a maximum of 50% of the time in the Elementary Bilingual Program; students learn to converse, read and write in both Ukrainian and English.

### Will my child be confused or overwhelmed by hearing another language?

Many studies have found that English skills are actually enhanced by learning another language. Ukrainian Bilingual students often outperform students in the regular program in some skill areas.

### Can the program help with my child's post-secondary applications?

Students often find their Ukrainian marks boost their overall GPA, increasing their chances of acceptance into their program of choice.



## Our Schools

### Jean Vanier Catholic School

Little Orchard Sadochok PreSchool to Grade 4 | 780.467.3633  
109 Georgian Way | Sherwood Park, Alberta | T8A 3K9

### St. Theresa Catholic School

Grades 5 to 8 | 780.464.4001  
2021 Brentwood Blvd. | Sherwood Park, Alberta | T8A 0X2

### Archbishop Jordan Catholic High School

Grades 9 to 12 | 780.467.2121  
4001 Emerald Drive | Sherwood Park, Alberta | T8H 0P5



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## Open the Door to Your Child's Future

Language | Culture | Spirituality | Global Learning  
Мова | Культура | Духовність | Загальна освіта

# Sherwood Park Ukrainian Bilingual Program

The Ukrainian Bilingual Program in Sherwood Park began in 1980 and has seen decades of success in academic achievement, global learning, and celebration of the rich Ukrainian heritage. Students flourish in an academically challenging and supportive environment with excellent teachers, support staff and a committed parent organization.

The Ukrainian Bilingual Program follows the Alberta Program of Studies in all subject areas. The language is primarily taught through Ukrainian Language Arts and is integrated into other subject areas as well. Technology and computer skills are incorporated into the curriculum, as are Ukrainian cultural programs.

Students who progress through the program develop life-long friendships as well as valuable global learning skills associated with second language study. From diversified thinking to effective communications skills in both English and Ukrainian, the program offers students a distinct advantage when entering post-secondary studies and future careers.

From Little Orchard Sadochok PreSchool to Grade 12, the Ukrainian Bilingual Program offers a highly academic program in a community-minded cultural environment.

## Why should I enroll my child in the Ukrainian Bilingual Program?

### Numerous Academic Benefits

Studies of children who grow up in bilingual settings reveal significant advantages, including both increased attentive focus and cognition essential for academic achievement.

“Bilingual brains are smarter, faster and more creative.”

—Judy Willis, M.D., M.Ed., 2012

### Opens the Door to the Global Community

Ukrainian is spoken by more than 50 million people in the world and is closely related to many other Slavic languages. Speakers of Ukrainian can make themselves understood in many countries in Eastern Europe; therefore opening up important doors for communication around the globe.

300 million people in the world speak a Slavic language.

### Variety of Job Opportunities

Alberta Education has stated, “...there is an urgent requirement for qualified speakers of languages other than English in areas of science, technology, medicine and global commerce.” Knowing another language will give your child an advantage in today's diverse and global economy.

### Greater Economic Advantages

The knowledge of a second language and culture, Ukrainian in particular, is an economic advantage because it provides skills that enable students to communicate and interact in the global marketplace and workplace.

### Understanding Cultures

In addition to preserving cultural identity, language learning fosters understanding of other people and countries. For students who already have some knowledge of Ukrainian or a family connection to the culture, there is an opportunity to renew contact with their language, culture and heritage.

### Alberta Education's Language Learning Initiative

Every child in Alberta takes a second language starting in Grade 4. This means that your child can get a head start on learning a language by starting school in a Ukrainian Bilingual setting.

When a child begins learning a second language in the early years, their brains are more adaptable to language development. They...

- are more likely to develop native-like pronunciation
- achieve better language accuracy and fluency
- achieve higher in basic academic skills
- are taught through meaningful contexts that enable them to see connections between the language and other topics
- develop greater cognitive flexibility and creative thinking skills

