

About CASLT

The Canadian Association of Second Language Teachers (CASLT) is a not-for-profit professional association dedicated to promoting the advancement of second and additional language teaching and learning.

Background — Context

Established by volunteers in 1970, the Canadian Association of Second Language Teachers (CASLT) has grown into a multi-level organization. Our mission, vision, and values reflect the multilingual nature of the Canadian society of the new millennium. The association respects that many students arrive at school with the benefit of existing knowledge of home/community languages. Within the work of the association, “second” languages encompass both official and international languages. CASLT aims to support teachers who work with:

- a. students learning French or English as a second official language
- b. students learning international languages, and
- c. K-12 newcomers to Canada learning French and English

Mission

Within our financial and organizational capacity, CASLT fosters and advances excellence in second and additional language teaching in Canada by promoting language learning, creating professional development opportunities, encouraging research, facilitating information sharing and exchange of best practices, building strong partnerships, nurturing a supportive professional community, and providing direct support to members through programs, products, and services.

Strategic Directions

CASLT annually sets a three-year strategic plan identifying specific areas of focus for its directions, programs and activities.

Activities

CASLT:

- Offers direct support to second language teachers through its programs, products and services;
- Provides a professional networking community to second language educators and policy makers;
- Presents a pan-Canadian and global view of current second language education issues;
- Advocates on behalf of its members and second language teachers; and
- Plays an important leadership role in fostering and advancing professional excellence in the teaching of second - and additional - languages in Canada.

Current Projects

CASLT receives financial support for its projects from various sources through contribution agreements, grants, contracts and sponsorships. Membership fees, advertising, and publication sales complement its revenue stream.

Current CASLT major projects include:

- a. **Core French and Intensive French Teacher and Program Support**
- b. **A Common Framework of Reference and a Portfolio for Languages in Canada**
- c. **LangCanada Web Site Management**
- d. **International Languages Support**



“CASLT is the most comprehensive professional teacher organization in Canada dedicated to second language teachers, administrators and researchers. It is a national organization which builds partnerships and alliances to identify and move the second language education agenda forward.”

Sally Rehorick, Former Director – Second Language Research Institute of Canada and CASLT Lifetime Member



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