



Spelling Reforms

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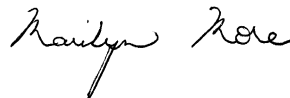
On September 1, 2010, the Department of Education officially adopted all the spelling reforms published in the *Journal officiel de la République française* [official gazette of the French Republic] on December 6, 1990, and since adopted by several French-language authorities.

To give writers and editors the opportunity to assimilate these reforms, we are going to grant a transition period for implementation of the reformed spellings in documents produced for and by the Department. Thus, not until September 1, 2011, will all documents written in French by and for the Department of Education be required to use the reformed spellings and display a logo indicating that the text complies with the new spellings.

To give teachers time to become more familiar with the reforms, a requirement to teach these new spellings as the standard will not take effect until September 2011, for kindergarten students in Acadian schools. In 2012, we will continue to use the reformed spellings as the standard with the kindergarten cohort from September 2011, and so forth. For French second language programs, a detailed implementation plan for the requirement to teach these new spellings as the standard will be communicated at a later date.

During an as yet undefined transition period, when teachers or Departmental testing officials are correcting written tests, **both the traditional and reformed spellings will be considered correct**. This practice also applies to the 2011 cohorts mentioned above.

For more information on the spelling reforms, please visit <http://dsalf.ednet.ns.ca> where you will find a link to the "Orthographe rectifiée".



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