Francophone Education Rights Under Section 23 of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms

School: ___________________________ Date: ______________

Name of Student: ___________________________ Grade: ______________

The Charter of Rights and Freedoms speaks of a person’s “mother tongue” as the language first learned and understood. Section 23 of the Charter refers to the education rights of the minority – francophone or anglophone. In Alberta, the minority is francophone and, therefore, the “mother tongue” would be French for this minority.

Instruction in a French Immersion Program or school, or French as an option in elementary, junior or senior high school, does not qualify an individual as Francophone under the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. Therefore, these French programs do not apply in numbers (2), (3) and (4) below.

For each of the following, please check Yes or No.

1. Student’s Father’s first language is French
   Student’s Mother’s first language is French
   □ Yes □ No

2. Student’s Father received primary or secondary school instruction in Canada in French.
   (French Immersion, High School French 10, 20 or 30 and Junior High French option do not apply)
   □ Yes □ No

3. Student’s Mother received primary or secondary school instruction in Canada in French.
   (French Immersion, High School French 10, 20 or 30 and Junior High French option do not apply)
   □ Yes □ No

4. This student has a brother or sister who is receiving or did receive, in Canada, primary or secondary school instruction in French.
   (French Immersion, High School French 10, 20 or 30 and Junior High French option do not apply).
   □ Yes □ No

Name of Parents:
Father: ___________________________  ____________________________
   (please print)      (signature)

Mother: ______________________________
   (please print)      (signature)