






## Linguistic Model of application in the field of Education in *BRITTANY*<sup>1</sup>

-  Name of the language: Breton language
-  Territory of application: Region of Brittany -Côtes-d'Armor, Finistère and Ille-et-Vilaine- and the department of Loire-Atlantique in the Pays de la Loire Region.
-  Status of the language: Non official
-  Classification of the language according to the UNESCO: severely endangered
-  Not protected under the Charter for Regional or Minority Languages

### General description of the linguistic model of application in the territory

French monolingual education is the standard.


Bilingual education in French and Breton is allowed but not considered as a right for families.

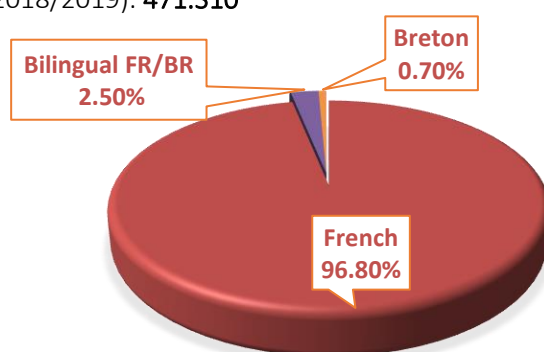
Around 3% of primary pupils take advantage of the 3 bilingual systems available in some places: on one hand, both public and confessional schools may offer bilingual classes where half of the weekly school-time is in Breton and the other half in French (50-50); on the other hand, an associative school's network - Diwan- uses only Breton as a language of instruction.

The Diwan network -ran by a board of volunteers- was set up by parents in 1977. Until then no bilingual education was available in Brittany.

Diwan runs 50 primary schools and 7 secondary schools. Breton is the language used in and outside the classroom. Since education at Diwan schools is free, the association faces a number of financial issues. Donations and cultural events are organized all year round to support the activities of the network.

An agreement between Diwan and the French State has been signed by virtue of which teachers' salaries are now payed by the State; however, all other expenditures (maintenance, supplies, etc) are at the expense of the association.

-  Total number of **primary students** (basic education) enrolled in public and private institutions (schooling year 2018/2019): **471.310**



<sup>1</sup> Data provided by the Public Office for the Breton Language

- Total number of **secondary students** (middle school) enrolled in public and private institutions (schooling year 2018/2019): **422.968**

