

EARLY FRENCH IMMERSION 2019-2020

Parents/Guardians of Children in Junior Kindergarten

*You have a choice to make about French programming for your child.
Across the TDSB, we offer two programs:
Early French Immersion (SK entry) and Junior Extended French (Gr.4 entry)*

Senior Kindergarten is the ONLY time your child can begin the Early French Immersion program.

What is Early French Immersion?

Early French Immersion programs are designed for students who do not speak French at home. The Early French Immersion program provides the maximum French language experience available in our schools.

Early French Immersion begins in Senior Kindergarten. All class activities are conducted in French until the end of Grade 3 although some specialist subjects like Physical Education may be taught in English.

English is introduced in Grade 4 for about one hour per day and increases to half of the daily class time by Grade 6.

After Grade 8, students continue the French Immersion program at designated secondary schools. Students who successfully complete a minimum of 10 credits in French at the secondary school level are eligible for a Certificate of Bilingual Studies in French.

To find the French Immersion school for your area, please visit the following website and enter the name of your English school in the designated search window:

www.tdsb.on.ca/ElementarySchool/SchoolChoices/FrenchPrograms

**Catchments are based on the student's home address and may change in accordance with TDSB procedures.*

A series of public information evenings will be held across the TDSB to provide parents/guardians the opportunity to learn further information about the French Immersion program and the application process, and to ask questions of TDSB staff.

These meetings will be held at the following sites:

Location	Date	Time
George S Henry Academy 200 Graydon Hall Drive	October 30, 2018	7:00 pm -8:00 pm
Etobicoke Collegiate Institute 86 Montgomery Road	November 1, 2018	7:00 pm -8:00 pm
Albert Campbell Collegiate Institute 1550 Sandhurst Circle	November 6, 2018	7:00 pm -8:00 pm
Birchmount Park Collegiate Institute 3663 Danforth Avenue	November 12, 2018	7:00 pm -8:00 pm
Central Technical School 725 Bathurst Street	November 14, 2018	7:00 pm -8:00 pm
Forest Hill Collegiate Institute 730 Eglinton Avenue West	November 19, 2018	7:00 pm -8:00 pm
Northview Heights Secondary School 550 Finch Ave West	November 20, 2018	7:00 pm -8:00 pm
Danforth Collegiate and Technical Institute 800 Greenwood Ave	November 22, 2018	7:00 pm -8:00 pm

Or join us online at a Virtual Information Evening to learn the information about the French Immersion program and application process or to ask questions via web chat.

On line Web Chat	Date	Time
Virtual Information Evening www.tdsb.on.ca	November 7, 2018	7:00 pm -8:00 pm

Applications for the Early French Immersion Program are completed online for September 2019

Applications to the Early French Immersion program are made the year your child is in Junior Kindergarten for entry in September of Senior Kindergarten. It is an entirely online process. **All communication will be sent via the email address you provide. Please check this email regularly.**

Please visit the application site www.tdsb.on.ca/pars

- ✓ You will need your child's date of birth and OEN (Ontario Education Number). The OEN is a 9-digit number found on any report card from the TDSB.
- ✓ For non-TDSB students, please select the "Non-TDSB Student" option and follow the steps to generate an identification number. You must then return to the PARS site and follow the application procedure with this number.
- ✓ Please select Early French Immersion from the drop-down menu and complete the application process.

On-time applicants will be offered a placement online via the email address you have provided. You MUST take action to accept this placement by the deadline requested when you are offered a placement.

Offers of placement will be on-going through the weeks and months following the close of the application period. ***Please check your email regularly (including junk mail) and follow all instructions found therein.***

IMPORTANT DATES:

Application process opens: October 29, 2018

Deadline for applications: November 26, 2018

Please note: while every effort will be made to place students in the school identified as their area Early French Immersion school, this is not always possible. In cases where the number of applications in a given area is greater than the number of spaces in the school, students may be redirected to schools with available space.

Placements are made based on the address you provide prior to the application deadline. If your address changes between the application deadline and the fall of the SK year, there is no guarantee of placement in your new area.

Applicants who have older siblings currently enrolled in the program and who will be in attendance the following year have a priority placement in that school.

Classes with fewer than 25 students may not open.