**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

**MIDDLE FRENCH IMMERSION (GRADE 4 ENTRY)**

**JUNIOR EXTENDED FRENCH (JEF – GRADE 4 Entry)\*\***

**\*\*Please note that the Junior Extended French Program is phasing out as the Middle French Immersion Program begins.**

**The last cohort will begin in September 2020, and merge with the Early French Immersion cohort in Grade 9 in 2025.**

**Q#1 – How do I determine the Middle French Immersion/Junior Extended French school for my area?**

* Once you have a Toronto address, please enter it in the search window on this page <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Find-your/School> in order to determine your home English school.
* Regardless of the grade of your child, please take note of the English school where your child would begin or would have begun **Kindergarten.**
* Enter the name of this home English school in the search window on the page below: <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Elementary-School/School-Choices/French-Programs/School-Search>
* That will indicate the Middle French Immersion or Junior Extended French school serving your address.

**Q#2 – How do I determine the middle, senior or secondary school with the Middle French**

**Immersion or Junior Extended French program serving my address area?**

* Enter your Toronto address in the search window on the page below: <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Find-your/School>
* Regardless of the grade of your child, please take note of the English school where your child would begin or would have begun **Kindergarten.**
* Enter the name of this home English school in the search window on the page below: <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Elementary-School/School-Choices/French-Programs/School-Search>
* That will indicate the Middle French Immersion or Junior Extended French elementary school serving your address.
* Then, on the left side of the page, please click on “Pathways”.
* Select the appropriate program – Middle French Immersion or Junior Extended French.
* A document will open indicating the pathways through elementary, senior and secondary school for each school.

**Q#3 – Can my child attend a Middle French Immersion or Junior Extended French program in a**

**school other than the one associated with our home address?**

* If a family wishes to attend a Middle French Immersion or Junior Extended French program at a school other than the one designated for their home address, the parents/guardians may apply directly to the school via the Optional Attendance procedure prior to the Optional Attendance deadline.
* For information regarding the Optional Attendance procedure, including forms, please click on the link:

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Elementary/OptionalAttendance>

* Please submit the Optional Attendance form directly to the Principal (within the timelines specified on the form) at the school you wish your child to attend.
* Optional Attendance admission decisions are made by the local school Principal.
* There is no guarantee of placement via the Optional Attendance procedure.

**Q#4 – How do I apply to Middle French Immersion (Grade 4 entry)?**

* The Middle French Immersion (MFI) program at this time begins in Grade 4. Applications to Middle French Immersion are accepted the year the child is in the Grade 3 English program for entry in September of Grade 4.
* Please consult the website below beginning in January of the application year for your child for the specific application window dates and deadlines for the application period that year [www.tdsb.on.ca/french](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/french)
* For more information about the application process, please click the link below: <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Elementary-School/School-Choices/French-Programs/Application-Process>
* To submit an application for MFI, please click the link below during the application period for that year: <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Elementary-School/School-Choices/French-Programs/PARS>
* Please be reminded that the Junior Extended French Program is phasing out; therefore there is NO application process. Interested Grade 3 applicants should apply to the MFI program.

**Q#5 – My child did not begin Middle French Immersion/Junior Extended French in Grade 4.**

**Can I still apply to this program?**

* When a family wishes to enter the Middle French Immersion/Junior Extended French program late (after the entry point) there are 2 considerations that are carefully measured:
  + available space in the class
  + equivalent academic background in French.
* Please inquire at the school about available space in the class. If the class is full, the child may not be admitted. If there is space in the class, the next step would be to provide documentation of the model of French instruction that your child has received at his/her other school.
* An equivalent academic background would be something equivalent to, or very close to, the model of instruction the students have experienced in the TDSB program you are asking for the child to join.

**Q#6 – My child is currently attending Middle French Immersion or Junior Extended French in a**

**TDSB school and we have moved. Can we transfer to a new school?**

* Yes, if a child is already attending a Middle French Immersion/Junior Extended French program in TDSB and the family moves to another TDSB school with a Middle French Immersion/Junior Extended French program, the child may transfer to the new area school regardless of space constraints.
* This protection is suspended in the case of an existing waitlist. Waitlists are only in place at the entry grades (Kindergarten and Grade 4).
* The waitlist for the Early French Immersion program expires at the end of September of the initial year.
* The waitlist for the Middle French Immersion program expires in September of the initial year.
* After these waitlist periods expire, a student may transfer from one TDSB French Immersion or Extended French program to the same program in another TDSB school.

**Q#7 – My child is currently attending a French Immersion or Extended French program in**

**another Public, English Language school board in Canada and we are moving to Toronto.**

**Can he or she join French Immersion or Extended French in the TDSB?**

* A child who has been attending a French Immersion program in another public, English language school board may join a French Immersion or Extended French program associated with the new home address regardless of space provided proof of residency within the catchment area for the French program.
* The student must have been attending a program that is equivalent or nearly equivalent to the program you wish them to join.
* For more information about TDSB program models, please visit the link below: <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Elementary-School/School-Choices/French-Programs/French-as-a-Second-Language-FSL-Programs>

**Q#8 – My child is currently attending a francophone (French first language) school.**

**Can he or she join a French Immersion program in the TDSB?**

* If there is available space in the TDSB school associated with your home address, he or she may be admitted.
* If there is no space, there will be no admission.

**Q#9 – My child is currently attending a French Immersion or Extended French program in the**

**Catholic school board. Can he or she transfer to French Immersion or Extended French in a TDSB school?**

* If the child is attending a Catholic school, he or she may be admitted to a TDSB French Immersion or Extended French program associated with their home address based on two criteria:
  + available space in the class
  + equivalency of background in French.
* For more information about TDSB program models, please visit the link below: <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Elementary-School/School-Choices/French-Programs/French-as-a-Second-Language-FSL-Programs>

**Q#10 – My child is currently attending a French Immersion or Extended French program in a**

**private school. Can he or she transfer to French Immersion or Extended French in a TDSB school?**

* If the child is attending a private school, he or she may be admitted to a TDSB French Immersion or Extended French program associated with their home address based on two criteria:
  + available space in the class
  + equivalency of background in French.
* For more information about TDSB program models, please visit the link below: <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Elementary-School/School-Choices/French-Programs/French-as-a-Second-Language-FSL-Programs>