

# Early French Immersion



## What is Early French Immersion?

Early French Immersion is an intensive French as a Second Language program that begins in Kindergarten and continues through to Grade 12. All class activities in Grades JK to 3 are conducted in French. A specialist subject (e.g. Health and Physical Education) may be taught in English. In Grades 4-8, the program will be taught 50% in French and 50% in English.

### Who can apply?

For September 2022 only, children who will be entering **Junior Kindergarten** or **Senior Kindergarten** are eligible to apply for Early French Immersion.

Looking ahead to September 2023, the only entry point for Early French Immersion will be Junior Kindergarten.

## Who is Early French Immersion for?

- ✓ Designed for families who speak a language other than French at home.
- ✓ We believe strongly that all students are capable of learning another language so students of all learning styles and language backgrounds are welcomed and supported in the program.
- ✓ The Early French Immersion program is suited to all families who are interested in the opportunity to develop proficiency in French.



## Benefits of the Early Immersion Program

The Early French Immersion program allows students of any language background to develop a high level of proficiency in French. Studying another language in this way also offers many other benefits to students including:

- ✓ Studying in another language has proven to enhance students' skills in the dominant language.
- ✓ Language learning offers other cognitive benefits such as highly-developed thinking and learning skills that students apply to all areas of their studies.
- ✓ Proficiency in more than one language opens doors of opportunity to students for the future and fosters awareness of different cultures and identities.
- ✓ Bilingual students develop strong communication skills overall and may learn additional languages more easily.

## Application Information

For information on the Early French Immersion program and the application process, please visit [www.tdsb.on.ca/French](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/French).

Currently, the application window for the Early French Immersion program is in **November** of each year. Please refer to the website in early September for information on the application deadlines for a given year.

It is important to note that while placement in the program is guaranteed to all eligible on-time applicants, a placement in a particular school is **NOT** guaranteed.

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