

**ATTENTION: PARENTS/GUARDIANS/CAREGIVERS OF CHILDREN
WHO WILL BE ENTERING JUNIOR KINDERGARTEN IN SEPTEMBER 2024**

For 2024-2025, Junior **Kindergarten** is the **ONLY** time your child may begin the **Early French Immersion** program. The next available entry point is Grade 4 with the Middle 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 (**Junior Kindergarten Entry**) provides the maximum French language experience available in TDSB schools.

The Early French Immersion program offers a 100% model of instruction in French from Kindergarten to Grade 3 in most schools (with the exception of a PREP-providing subject, for example Health & Physical Education, that may be delivered in English if required). In Grades 4 to 8, the program will be taught 50% in French and 50% in English. The subjects taught in French from Grades 4 to 8: French Language, Math and Social Studies.

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 within the TDSB.

WHO IS EARLY FRENCH IMMERSION FOR?

- ✓ The Early French Immersion program is designed for families who speak a language other than French at home.
- ✓ We believe strongly that 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.

HOW & WHERE TO APPLY ONLINE?**IMPORTANT DATES**

Online Application process opens: November 6, 2023

Deadline for applications: December 1, 2023

It is an entirely **online** application process.

Applications to the Early French Immersion program are completed in **November** of the year prior to the child beginning Junior Kindergarten, for entry in September of Junior Kindergarten.

For information on the Application process, please visit the [Application Process](#) page. Interested families can apply via the [Application Link](#) during the application period.

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Program Application & Registration System

Please Note: While admission to the Early French Immersion (JK entry) or Middle French Immersion (Grade 4 entry) programs is guaranteed at the entry points to all eligible on-time applicants, admission to a specific school is **NOT** guaranteed. Applications to begin these programs is open to all students not already enrolled in a French program.

The Early French Immersion program begins in Junior Kindergarten. Only children born in 2020 are eligible for this application period. Applications will open on November 6, 2023.

- 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.
- Once in PARS, please select the Early Immersion Program from the drop-down menu, and complete the application process.
- On-time applicants will be offered a placement via the email address you have provided.
- You **MUST** take action to reserve a spot by the deadline requested when you are offered a placement

→ Proceed to Apply

→ Proceed to Accept Placement

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To find the associated Early French Immersion school for your home address, please consult the Frequently Asked Questions document on the [Application Process](#) page.

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

- ✓ All communication will be sent via the email address provided online at the time of application.
- ✓ Please check this email regularly including **junk mail**.
- ✓ Families with an older sibling currently enrolled in the same French Language program and who will be in attendance the following year are still required to complete an online application for the new student. Please select the “**Sibling option**” within the online application.

An offer of placement in Early French Immersion is guaranteed to all eligible on-time applicants, however placement in a particular school is **NOT** guaranteed.

On-time applicants will be offered a placement online via the email address provided at the time of application. **Parents/Guardians/Caregivers MUST take action to accept this placement by the deadline** requested when offered a placement in order to reserve a spot in the program. Offers of placement will be ongoing through the weeks and months following the close of the application period. *Please check email regularly (including junk mail) and follow all instructions found therein.*

VIDEO & FLYER INFORMATION ON THE APPLICATION PROCESS

At any time, you can visit the [TDSB French website](#) to view a [video](#) that provides information about the TDSB French Language programs as well as the application and placement process in the Early French Immersion and the Middle French Immersion programs. Information is also available in [22 languages](#).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- While every effort will be made to place students in the school identified as their area's 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 allotted program spaces in the school, **students may be redirected to schools with available program space.**
- Placements are made based on the child's primary home address of record prior to the application deadline. If the address changes between the application deadline and the September when the child will enter the program, there is no guarantee of placement in the new area.
- Applicants who have older siblings currently enrolled in the same program and who will be in attendance the following year have a priority placement in that school.
- Late applicants will be held on a local school waitlist and considered subject to available space until the end of September of the entry year.
- Classes with fewer than 25 students may not open.

CENTRAL INFORMATION SESSIONS FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS/CAREGIVERS/COMMUNITY

Visit the [Information Sessions](#) website for the link to join a live Zoom webinar on the scheduled dates and times below:

- November 8, 2023 at 10am
- November 13, 2023 at 7pm
- November 20, 2023 at 4pm
- November 23, 2023 at 7pm
- November 27, 2023 at 1 pm

PLEASE BE REMINDED

For September 2024, only children who will be entering *Junior Kindergarten* are eligible to apply.

For more information, please visit the [TDSB French website](#).