**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

**FRENCH IMMERSION AND EXTENDED FRENCH**

**Q#1 – How do I determine the French Immersion/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 French Immersion or Extended French school serving your address.

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

**or 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 French Immersion or Extended French elementary school serving your address.
* Then, on the left side of the page, please click on “Pathways”.
* Select the appropriate program – French Immersion or 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 French Immersion or Extended French program in a school other**

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

* If a family wishes to attend a French Immersion or 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.
* For information regarding the Optional Attendance procedure, including forms, please click the link below:

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

* Please submit the Optional Attendance form directly to the Principal 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 French Immersion or Extended French?**

* The Early French Immersion program at this time begins in Senior Kindergarten. Applications to Early French Immersion are accepted the fall of the year the student is in Junior Kindergarten to begin in September of Senior Kindergarten.
* The Junior Extended French program begins in Grade 4. Applications to Junior Extended French are accepted in January the year the child is in the Grade 3 English program to begin in September of Grade 4.
* Please consult the website below beginning in September 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, please click the link below during the application period for that year: <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Elementary-School/School-Choices/French-Programs/PARS>

**Q#5 – My child did not begin Early French Immersion in Senior Kindergarten or Junior**

**Extended French in Grade 4. Can I still apply to these programs?**

* When a family wishes to enter the French Immersion/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 enquire at the school about 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 Early 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 French Immersion/Extended French program in TDSB and the family moves to another TDSB school with a French Immersion 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 (SK and Grade 4).
	+ The waitlist to SK French Immersion expires in December of the SK year.
	+ The waitlist to Gr. 4 Junior Extended French expires in September of the Gr. 4 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-Immersion>

**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-Immersion>

**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-Immersion>