

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Q: What program are you offering?
A: The International Languages – Elementary/African Heritage program offers language classes to students who want to learn a language in addition to English and French. We also offer African Heritage classes which highlights Black culture and the contributions of people of African descent.
2. Q: Do you offer English or French?
A: No. We offer all languages except for English and French.
3. Q: Who can enrol in the program?
A: JK to Grade 8 students.
4. Q: Do you have to be a Toronto District School Board student to enrol in the program?
A: No. Although the program is primarily for TDSB students, we accept students who do not attend the Toronto District School Board. Students from other school boards and private schools can enrol in our program as long as they live in Ontario.
5. Q: How often do classes run?
A: Classes run for 2.5 hours a day and one day a week. Classes are offered for 30 weeks. Classes begin in October 2020 and end in May or June 2021.
6. Q: What time do the classes run?
A: Classes run at various times. Classes are available after school, evening and Saturday mornings. Classes are offered Monday to Saturdays. Click [here](#) for days and times.
7. Q: Is there a cost to enrol in the program?
A: No. As long as the program is delivered remotely, there will be no cost.
8. Q: How many classes can we take?
A: The International Languages – Elementary/African Heritage program runs 6 days a week (Monday to Saturday). You can enrol in one language for each day.
9. Q: Can we enrol in the same language more than once a week at a different school? For example, can I enrol in Mandarin on Monday at Cliffwood PS and Mandarin on Thursdays at Arbor Glen?
A: No. You can only take a language once a week. In the above example, you must choose to register for Mandarin at Cliffwood **OR** Arbor Glen.
10. Q: Can we enrol in more than one language that runs at the same time? For example, Milne Valley offers Arabic and Romanian language from 9 to 11:30 am. Can we enrol for both at the same time?
A: No. You can choose only one language that runs at the same time. In the above example, you must choose either Romanian **OR** Arabic.
11. Q: Where will classes be held?
A: At the current time, language classes will be run remotely/from home. There is a possibility that language learning **may** move from home to a physical classroom. If instruction moves to a physical classroom, parents will be notified in advance.

12. Q: Is there a plan for the program to move from remote to in class learning during the 2020/2021 school year?
A: Our goal is to move the learning model from remote to in class learning. At the current time, there is no date set to move classes to physical classrooms. We will continue to monitor the situation in schools. We will inform parents in advance when the program move from remote to in class learning.
13. Q: How will children be learning this fall?
A: Students will take part in remote learning with their classmates. Students will be divided in small groups. Their class time (2.5 hours) will consist of the following: live face-to-face interactive lessons with their instructor and other students for approximately 30 to 40 minutes through Google Meet. The rest of the time students will work independently on assigned tasks and homework posted in Google Classroom. Activities will be focused on building student's abilities in oral communication, reading and writing.
14. Q: What do I need to participate in remote learning?
A: You will need internet connection and a laptop, computer or tablet.
15. Q: How can I register?
A: Registration for languages is done online. Visit www.ileprograms.ca for registration information. In order to complete online registration, you must have your child's Ontario Education Number (OEN). The Ontario Education Number can be found in your child's report card.
16. Q: What do I need to register?
A: Please ensure you have your child's Ontario Enrolment Number (OEN number can be found in the child's day school progress report).
17. Q: I attend private school and do not have an OEN number. Is there another way to register?
A: Yes. Please call 416 338-4100. We will require proof of enrolment in private school.
18. Q: What is the deadline for registration?
A: Registration is ongoing and will remain open after classes have started.
19. Q: Can a new language be added to a school where there is currently a language program?
A: There is a possibility that a new language can be added. However, there must be a minimum of 23 students to start a class. Please contact jolly.yang@tdsb.on.ca for more information.
20. Q: How many students are required in a class?
A: There must be a minimum of 23 students enrolled for a class to run.
21. Q: What happens if a class is cancelled due to low enrolment?
A: TDSB makes every effort to ensure all scheduled classes run. However, if we must cancel classes, you will be notified through email that you provided when you register online. You will be able to register for another language that is not cancelled. Alternatively, you can register to another school offering the same language for the duration of the time we are learning remotely/from home.
22. Q: When will we know if a class is cancelled?
A: If a class is cancelled due to low enrolment, you will be notified before end of October.

23. Q: The language class that I am interested in is offered in my child's school runs from 3:30 to 6 pm. My child goes to school and will not be able to get home by 3:30 pm to attend virtual class. While the class is remote, can I register my child in another school that has a later class? Once classes are moved to a physical classroom, I will register her back to the school she currently attends during the day. Please advise.

A: A minimum of 23 students is required to keep a class open. Therefore, it is possible that the class that is currently offered in your child's school may be closed due to low enrolment. However, it is possible to reopen the class as long as there are 23 students enrolled in the class.

24. Q: If the classes are scheduled for only a 30 minute session followed by 2 hours of self-directed learning, is there any possibility for the live 30 minute session to be scheduled later during the scheduled period?

A: Yes. For 2020/2021 school year, parents have the option to choose in person or remote learning at their regular day school. Those who choose remote can be scheduled to meet closer to the beginning of the ILE/AH program time. Students who choose in person learning during the day can be scheduled closer to the end of the program time to accommodate travelling time from school to home. For example, if classes start from 3:30 to 6 pm, students who attend remote learning during the day can meet online with their instructor from 3:30 to 4 pm. Students who attend school during the day in person can meet with their instructor either from 5 to 5:30 pm or 5:30 to 6 pm.

25. Q: Who should I contact if I have any questions?

A: Call 416 338-4100. Leave a message and one of our staff will contact you.