

Q1: Can I begin French Immersion/Extended French at Grade 9?

- No. Students who will continue French Immersion or Extended French at secondary school began in either Kindergarten, Grade 4 or Grade 7. There is no entry to French Immersion or Extended French at Grade 9.
- Students who complete the elementary Early French Immersion or Extended French program through grade 8 may choose to continue that program at the designated pathway school for French Immersion or Extended French, based on their home address.

Q2: If my child is already in a French immersion program do they have to apply for the secondary program their school feeds to or is it automatic?

- If your child is attending the French Immersion program school that serves your home address, they will flow to the next school on the pathway. Your current school will aid with this process.

Q3: How do I determine my French Immersion/Extended French secondary school?

- Every elementary French Immersion/Extended French school has a designated pathway school for secondary. [Please find pathway information here.](#)

Q4: My child is currently attending a French Immersion/Extended French program in a TDSB school, and we have moved. Can he/she/they transfer to a new school?

- Yes, if a child is already attending an Early French Immersion program in TDSB and the family moves to the TDSB French Immersion school associated with their new address, the child may transfer to the new area school regardless of space constraints.

French Programs and Out-of-Area Admissions**Q5: Can I choose a different secondary school than the one associated with my home address for French Immersion/Extended French?**

- If you wish to attend an French Immersion/Extended French secondary school that is not the one associated with your home address, you will need to apply via the [Out-of-Area Admissions Process](#)
- Please note the timelines of the Out-of-Area Admissions process. There is no guarantee of placement via Out-of-Area Admissions.

Q6: What if I am at my elementary French Immersion/Extended French program as an Out-of-Area (formerly Optional Attendance) student?

- If the French Immersion(FI)/Extended French(EF) school you are attending in Grade 8 is not your home FI/EF school by address, you will continue at the FI/EF secondary school for your

home address. If you wish to attend an FI/EF secondary school that is not the one associated with your home address, you will need to apply via the [Out-of-Area Admissions Process](#) within the timelines of that process.

Q7: How do I know if I am an out-of-area (formerly optional attendance) student?

- If you have changed home address since your initial placement in French Immersion(FI)/Extended French(EF), you would have been allowed to complete the grade range of your FI/EF school but would be considered “Out-of-Area” to that pathway and you **must** revert to your home school by address at the transition.
- If you applied to your FI/EF school via the Out-of-Area (formerly Optional Attendance) process in the first place, you are attending your school as an Out-of-Area student. You may complete the grade range of that school but then **must** revert to your home school by address at the transition.
- Alternatively, you may apply to another secondary school via the [Out-of-Area Admissions Process](#) within the timelines of the application. Please note that there is no guarantee of admission.

Joining TDSB at the Secondary Level:

Q8: My child is currently attending French Immersion in another Public, English Language school board in Canada and we are moving to Toronto. Can he/she/they join an Early French Immersion program 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 program at a school 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 he/she/they wishes to join.
- For more information about TDSB program models, please [visit the French Language Programs page](#)

Q9: My child is currently attending a francophone (French first language) school. Can he/she/they join a French Immersion program in the TDSB?

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

Q10: My child is currently attending a French Immersion program in the Catholic school board. Can he/she/they transfer to French Immersion in a TDSB school?

- If the child is attending a Catholic school, he/she/they may be admitted to a TDSB French Immersion program associated with their home address based on two criteria:
 - available space
 - equivalency of background in French.
- For more information about TDSB program models, please [visit the French Language Programs page](#)

Q11: My child is currently attending a French Immersion program in a private school. Can he/she/they transfer to French Immersion in a TDSB school?

- If the child is attending a private school, he/she/they may be admitted to a TDSB French Immersion program associated with their home address based on two criteria:
 - available space
 - equivalency of background in French.
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