

International Languages Elementary and African Heritage Program

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What program are you offering?

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 history, culture, traditions and the contributions of people of African descent to Canada and the world.

2. Do you offer English or French?

No. We offer all languages except for English and French.

3. Who can enroll in the program?

JK to Grade 8 students.

4. Do you have to be a Toronto District School Board student to enrol in the program?

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 enroll in our program as long as they live in Ontario.

5. How often do classes run?

Classes run for 2.5 hours a day and one day a week. Classes are offered for 30 weeks. Classes begin in Sept 2022 and end in May or June 2023.

6. What time do the classes run?

Classes run at various times. Classes are available after school, evening and Saturday mornings. Classes are offered Monday to Saturdays.

7. Is there a cost to enroll in the program?

There is a \$20 materials fee charged upon registration. Please note that cash is not accepted. Only cheques, debit, credit and interac payment is accepted.

8. How many classes can we take?

The International Languages – Elementary/African Heritage program runs 6 days a week (Monday to Saturday). You can enroll in one language for each day.

9. Can we enroll in the same language more than once a week at a different school? For example, can I enroll in Mandarin on Monday at Cliffwood PS and Mandarin on Thursdays at Arbor Glen?

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. Can we enroll 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 enroll for both at the same time?

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. Where will classes be held?

At the current time, all language classes are run in person/physical classroom only.

12. How can I register?

Registration for languages is ongoing. There are 2 ways of registration.

- 1) Online registration: Online registration is currently not available.
- 2) In person registration:

To register, please do the following:

- 1) Download and complete the registration form on www.ileprograms.ca
- 2) Print the completed form. When you print, please choose "Fit to printable area" under printer settings to ensure that the entire form is printed. Not choosing this option may result in printing only part of the form.
- 3) Sign the registration form
- 4) Bring completed registration form to the ILE/AH school on the first day of class during program hours only. Complete registration with payment of \$20 materials fee. Cash is not accepted. Debit/credit cards and cheques are accepted as forms of payment.

Please note: Blank registration forms are available at the school for completion. These forms are available during program hours only.

13. What do I need to register?

A: Please ensure you have your child's 9 digit Ontario Enrolment Number (OEN number can be found in the child's day school progress report).

14. What is the deadline for registration?

In-person registration is on-going. We will continue to take in person registration at the school during program time only.

15. There is a language program in my school. It does not have the language of my interest. Can a new language be added?

There is a possibility that a new language can be added. However, there must be a minimum of 23 students to start a new class. Please contact the Program Officer of your school. The Program Officer for your school can be found by visiting www.ileprograms.ca

16. There is NO language program at my school. How do I add a language program?

It is possible to add a language program as long as certain conditions are met. Please contact jolly.yang@tdsb.on.ca for more information.

17. There is a language program in my school. How many students are required to keep a language class open/available?

There must be a minimum of 23 students enrolled in the class.

18. What happens if a class is cancelled due to low enrolment?

TDSB makes every effort to ensure all scheduled classes run. However, if we must cancel classes, you will be notified by the third class. You will be able to transfer for a language that is not cancelled at any of the schools offering the language program. There is no need to pay the \$20 material fee in the new class.

19. The language class has been cancelled. I do not wish to register to another class. Will I receive a refund?

If a class is cancelled due to low enrolment, the \$20 materials fee will be refunded.

20. Who should I contact if I have any questions?

Call 416 338-4100 or write to ile_ah@tdsb.on.ca.