



BIENVENUE!

FRENCH IMMERSION IN TVDSB

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION



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# GUIDING PRINCIPLES OF FSL



- ❖ FSL PROGRAMS ARE FOR ALL STUDENTS
- ❖ FSL EDUCATION SERVES AS A BRIDGE BETWEEN LANGUAGES AND CULTURES
- ❖ LEARNING FSL STRENGTHENS LITERACY SKILLS AS WELL AS COGNITIVE AND METACOGNITIVE DEVELOPMENT
- ❖ LEARNING FSL IS A LIFELONG JOURNEY



**OUI**  
**JE PARLE**  
**FRANÇAIS**

## Reasons to Learn French!

- Communicate with French speakers around the world
- The richest source of vocabulary in English actually derives not directly from Latin, but French
- Travel opportunities
- Students studying French will improve their overall comprehension skills as 1 out of 3 words in English has been borrowed from French
- Knowledge of French can improve creative and critical thinking skills
- Researchers in science, technology, medicine, and business have an edge on their competitors when they can read studies in the original language
- Job opportunities



# PROGRAM OVERVIEW

PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT OUR FSL PROGRAMS

[www.tvdsb.ca/fsl](http://www.tvdsb.ca/fsl)

THIS PROGRAM IS AVAILABLE AT 11 ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS ACROSS OUR REGION AND BEGINS IN GRADE 1.

FRENCH IMMERSION MEETS THE NEEDS OF NON-FRANCOPHONE FAMILIES, AND GIVES STUDENTS THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN FRENCH WHILE STILL DEVELOPING THEIR ENGLISH LANGUAGE SKILLS. EIGHTY PERCENT OF THE INSTRUCTIONAL DAY IS CONDUCTED IN FRENCH. ONLY ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS IS TAUGHT IN ENGLISH.

# PATHWAY FOR IMMERSION IN TVDSB

## ELEMENTARY IMMERSION

- STUDENTS ENTER AT GRADE 1 LEVEL ONLY
- TRANSPORTATION IS PROVIDED (> 1.6 KM)
- ALL SUBJECTS (EXCEPT ENGLISH) ARE TAUGHT AND CONDUCTED IN FRENCH
- STUDENTS WISHING TO ENTER THE FI PROGRAM AFTER GRADE 1, MUST ARRIVE FROM ANOTHER IMMERSION PROGRAM
- IF A STUDENT CHOOSES TO LEAVE FRENCH IMMERSION, PARENTS/GUARDIANS WILL RECEIVE AN EXIT LETTER EXPLAINING THAT NO RE-ENTRY WILL BE PERMITTED
- STUDENTS WILL BE ABLE TO CONTINUE IN FRENCH IMMERSION AT THE SECONDARY LEVEL

## SECONDARY IMMERSION

- FI IS OFFERED AT 5 OF OUR SECONDARY SCHOOLS
- TRANSPORTATION IS PROVIDED (>3.2 KM)
- STUDENTS WHO OBTAIN A MINIMUM OF 10 CREDITS IN FI COURSES WILL GRADUATE WITH A FRENCH IMMERSION DIPLOMA
- OF THE 10 FI CREDITS, 4 OF THEM WILL BE FRENCH LANGUAGE CREDITS (FIF 9-12)
- UPON REACHING GRADE 12 IN FI, STUDENTS WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO TRY THE DELF EXAM (DIPLÔME D'ÉTUDES EN LANGUE FRANÇAISE)

\*FOR MORE INFO ON THE DELF, PLEASE VISIT:

<https://delf-dalf.ambafrance-ca.org/>

# WILL MY CHILD RECEIVE THE SAME PROGRAM AS OFFERED IN ENGLISH SCHOOLS?



## COMPONENTS OF THE PROGRAM

### FRENCH

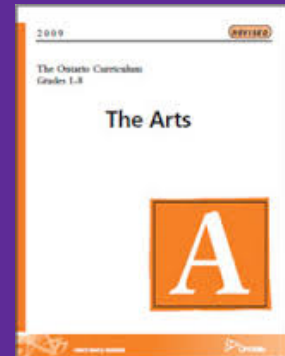
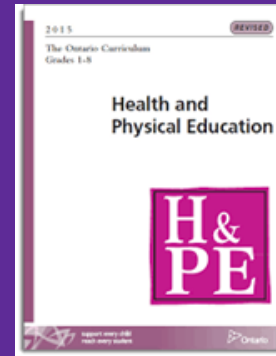
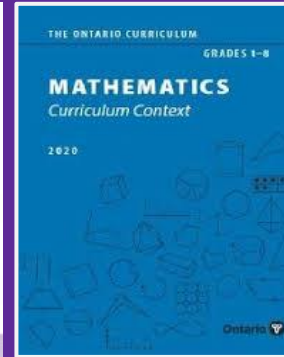
- French Language Arts
- Mathematics
- Social Studies
- Science
- Health & Phys Ed
- The Arts



■ English  
■ French

### ENGLISH

- English Language



# DO PARENTS/GUARDIANS NEED TO SPEAK FRENCH?

PARENTS/GUARDIANS ARE NOT EXPECTED TO HAVE FRENCH LANGUAGE SKILLS IN ORDER TO SEND THEIR CHILD TO A FRENCH IMMERSION SCHOOL. PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS, CURRICULA AND REPORT CARDS ARE IN ENGLISH.

## HOW CAN WE SUPPORT OUR CHILD AT HOME?



# HELPFUL WEBSITES TO VISIT AT HOME!

CANADIAN PARENTS FOR FRENCH

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# OUR TVDSB ONLINE LIBRARY LEARNING COMMONS

## FRENCH RESOURCES (USE YOUR TVDSB LOGIN)

<http://tvdsb.libguides.com/elementary/read>

READING ACTIVITIES & RESOURCES	FRENCH LINKS
	
	
	
	 <p data-bbox="1657 991 1742 1013">FSL Toolkit</p>

# GETTING INVOLVED! (AFTER COVID-19)



SHARE YOUR EXPERTISE

CLASSROOM ASSISTANCE

READING SUPPORT

LIBRARY LEARNING COMMONS

LUNCHROOM HELPER

ASSISTING WITH COACHING

CLASS TRIPS

FUND RAISING

HOT LUNCH DAYS

SPRING FLING

SNACK PROGRAM

SCHOOL COUNCIL

HOME AND SCHOOL

OPEN HOUSES

# TRANSPORTATION



- BUSSING IS PROVIDED FOR STUDENTS LIVING FARTHER THAN 1.6 KM FROM THE DESIGNATED ELEMENTARY FI SCHOOL OR FARTHER THAT 3.2 KM FROM THE DESIGNATED SECONDARY FI SCHOOL
- YOUR DESIGNATED FI SCHOOL IS DETERMINED BY YOUR HOME ADDRESS,
- TO FIND YOUR DESIGNATED FRENCH IMMERSION SCHOOL, GO TO THE TVDSB WEBSITE UNDER "FIND A SCHOOL", "FRENCH IMMERSION PROGRAM" AND INPUT YOUR ADDRESS  
<https://www.tvdsb.ca/en/schools/find-my-local-school.aspx>
- NEW STUDENTS ARE NOTIFIED OF THEIR BUS ROUTES DURING THE SUMMER



# REGISTRATION PROCESS - FOUND ON TVDSB WEBSITE

<https://www.tvdsb.ca/en/schools/how-to-register-.aspx>

In-person registration is required at all schools. Please follow the steps below to ensure you have all of the necessary information and documentation to register your student at their school.

**Step 1: Find your school**



**Step 2: Begin the pre-registration process**



**Step 3: Collect required original documentation**



**Step 4: Contact your school**



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# ONLINE REGISTRATION DATES

JAN 18TH - FEB 5TH,  
2021



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# ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2021

- STUDENTS ENTERING GRADE 1 FRENCH IMMERSION MUST BE 6 YEARS OLD BY DECEMBER 31, 2021.
- WHEN REGISTERING YOUR CHILD, YOU MUST PRODUCE PROOF OF AGE AND ADDRESS (BIRTH OR BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE, REGISTRATION OF BIRTH, PASSPORT, COPY OF LEASE AGREEMENT OR UTILITY BILL).
- DEADLINE TO REGISTER FOR GRADE 1 IS FRIDAY OF THE 1ST WEEK OF SCHOOL

ANY FURTHER  
QUESTIONS?

PLEASE CONTACT YOUR DESIGNATED  
FRENCH IMMERSION SCHOOL BY  
PHONE OR VISIT THE SCHOOL'S  
WEBSITE (NEXT SLIDE)



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<u>LOUISE ARBOUR</u>	365 BELFIELD STREET, LONDON 519-452-2820	<u>PRINCESS ANNE</u>	191 DAWN DRIVE, LONDON 519-452-8480
<u>J.S. BUCHANAN</u>	248 KEEFER STREET, STRATHROY 519-245-0473	<u>ROCH CARRIER</u>	840 SLOANE ST, WOODSTOCK 519-537-7321
<u>WEST OAKS</u>	1050 PLANTATION ROAD, LONDON 519-452-8650	<u>PRINCESS ELIZABETH</u>	247 THOMPSON RD, LONDON 519-452-8490
<u>JEANNE SAUVÉ</u>	215 WHARNCLIFFE RD, LONDON 519-452-8250	<u>PIERRE ELLIOTT TRUDEAU</u>	112 CHURCHILL CR, ST. THOMAS 519-631-7820
<u>KENSAL PARK</u>	328 SPRINGBANK RD, LONDON 519-452-8280	<u>ÉVA CIRCÉ-CÔTÉ</u>	45885 SPARTA LINE, ST. THOMAS 519-775-2541
<u>LORD ROBERTS</u>	440 PRINCESS AVE, LONDON 519-452-8330	<p>TVDSB HAS 11 FRENCH IMMERSION SCHOOLS PLEASE <u>CLICK ON THE SCHOOL</u> TO VISIT THEIR WEBSITE</p>	