

# French Immersion Program

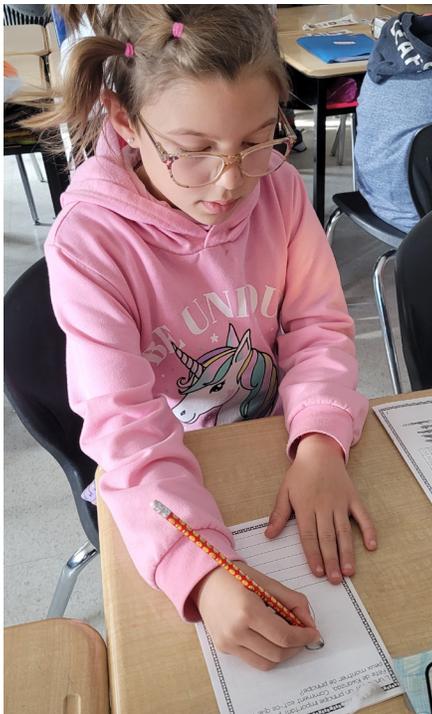
INFORMATION FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

The French Immersion program is for Grade 4 to 8 students who are interested in increasing their confidence and proficiency in the French language. Learning another language provides significant cognitive and academic benefits.

In the French Immersion classroom, students inspire and motivate each other to become life-long language learners and active world citizens.

## French Immersion begins in Grade 4

Starting in Grade 4, French Immersion provides an opportunity for students to develop French-language skills in a variety of subject areas. The content is the same as the regular program, with French as a language of instruction. Students will have a minimum of 3,800 hours of instruction in French by the end of Grade 8. Students who successfully complete the program will receive a French Immersion certificate.



### French Immersion schools

Bayside Public School  
613-962-0694  
[bayside.hpedsb.on.ca](http://bayside.hpedsb.on.ca)

Central Hastings School  
613-473-2487  
[chs.hpedsb.on.ca](http://chs.hpedsb.on.ca)

Harry J. Clarke Public School  
613-969-0140  
[hjclarke.hpedsb.on.ca](http://hjclarke.hpedsb.on.ca)

Prince Charles Public School  
(Trenton)  
613-392-5461  
[pcharlest.hpedsb.on.ca](http://pcharlest.hpedsb.on.ca)

Prince Edward Collegiate  
Institute  
613-476-2196  
[peci.hpedsb.on.ca](http://peci.hpedsb.on.ca)

“The ability to speak both of Canada’s official languages helps prepare students for their role as active and engaged citizens in today’s bilingual and multicultural Canada.” *The Ontario Curriculum: French As a Second Language, 2013*

Registrations are due to the French Immersion host school by Friday, February 24, 2023

# Frequently Asked Questions

## What if I don't speak French?

You don't need special skills to help your child learn French. Spending time with your child and talking about what he or she is doing in French class will make a difference. Having a positive attitude towards learning French is an important way that you can support your child's French Immersion learning. Offer encouragement when your child speaks French at home, but please remember that some children may be reluctant to initially express themselves in French outside the classroom. Throughout the French Immersion program, you will be provided with tips and tools to support your child's learning.

## What does French Immersion look like in high school?

Thirty secondary school credits are required for the Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD). Currently, one secondary credit in French is required for an OSSD. If your child continues in the French Immersion program at Bayside Secondary School, 10 French credits are required for your child to receive a certificate of Bilingual Studies in French Immersion.

## How do students adapt to changing programs or schools?

Though every child adapts to change differently, students who feel nervous about leaving their friends, quickly make new ones because everyone is new to the program. Many students say that meeting new people is one of the things they like about the program. They also say that their teachers have helped to make the challenge of learning a new language fun.

## How do I find out more about the program?

To find out more about the program, you are encouraged to arrange a visit with the host school, experience a French Immersion class in action and meet the teachers, administrators and students in the program.

More information is available at [HPEschools.ca / Programs / French Programs](https://HPEschools.ca/Programs/FrenchPrograms)

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## Pre-Registration Process

All students who pre-register for the French Immersion program by Friday, February 24, 2023 will be enrolled in their respective program pending adequate enrolment of 25 students, available space and qualified staff. Priority will be given to students registering within their prescribed school attendance area for elective learning programs (host school), based on their home address.

If classes are full, students will be placed on a wait list. Parents requesting consideration for attendance outside their prescribed school area must register first at their host school then complete *Form 340-1: Request for Transfer*.

If transportation is needed, please contact the principal of the French Immersion school.

## Helpful French Resources

Check out this website and app designed to help develop French language skills:

Website: [TFO.org/en/kids](https://TFO.org/en/kids)

App: Duolingo