

Bienvenue!



FRENCH IMMERSION IN TVDSB

PARENT/CAREGIVER
INFORMATION SESSION

Agenda



- French Immersion at TVDSB: Guiding Principals and Program Overview
- How can I support my child who is in FI at home?
- Transportation for FI
- How can I get involved at the school?
- Registration Information

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

Benefits of Language Learning



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

This program is available at 12 elementary schools across our region. French Immersion programming begins in Grade 1 and continues until Grade 12.

French Immersion meets the needs of non-Francophone families, and gives students the opportunity to learn French while still developing their English language skills.

TVDSB'S VISION FOR FRENCH IMMERSION

VISION AND GOALS OF THE FRENCH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE CURRICULUM

All programs in the French as a second language curriculum at the elementary and secondary levels share a common vision, as follows:

Vision and Goals for French as a Second Language – Core, Extended, and Immersion, Grades 1 to 12

Vision

Students will communicate and interact with growing confidence in French, one of Canada's official languages, while developing the knowledge, skills, and perspectives they need to participate fully as citizens in Canada and in the world.

Goals

In all French as a second language programs, students realize the vision of the FSL curriculum as they strive to:

- use French to communicate and interact effectively in a variety of social settings;
- learn about Canada, its two official languages, and other cultures;
- appreciate and acknowledge the interconnectedness and interdependence of the global community;
- be responsible for their own learning, as they work independently and in groups;
- use effective language learning strategies;
- become lifelong language learners for personal growth and for active participation as world citizens.

PATHWAYS FOR FRENCH IMMERSION

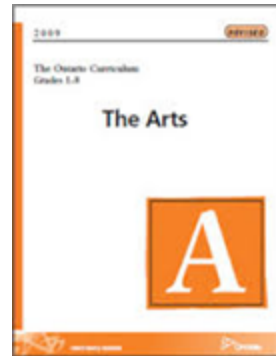
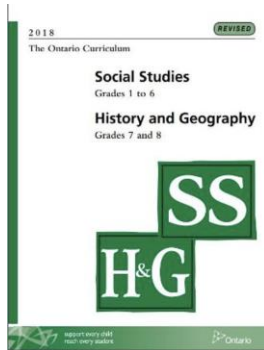
ELEMENTARY IMMERSION

- Students **enter at Grade 1 only**
- Transportation is provided (> 1.6 km)
- Students wishing to enter the FI program after Grade 1, must arrive from another program where at least 50% of the instructional time was French
- If a student chooses to leave French Immersion, parents/caregivers will receive an Exit Letter explaining that **re-entry will be not permitted**
- Students are encouraged to **continue in French Immersion at the Secondary level**

SECONDARY IMMERSION

- French Immersion 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 Certificate**
- Of the 10 French Immersion credits, **4 of them must be French Language credits** (FIF 9-12); for the remaining 6 credits, the language of instruction must be French

SAME CURRICULA ARE TAUGHT IN FI!



Math

Social Studies (Grades 1-6)

History/Geography (Grades 7-8)

Physical Education

Music

Health

French

Dance

Drama

Visual Arts

Science & Technology



Students will receive **60 minutes** of **English Language** instruction each day

HOW MUCH FRENCH IS PROVIDED?

GRADES 1-6: 80:20 ratio

- **All subjects, except for English, are to be delivered in French.**
- Out of the 300-minute instructional day:
 - **100 minutes of French** language/literacy instruction;
 - **60 minutes of English** language/literacy instruction;
 - **60 minutes of Mathematics** instruction in French;
 - Remaining minutes for **other subject areas delivered in French** (art, drama, science, social studies, etc. which are also often integrated into the 100-minute French block).

GRADES 7-8: 70-80:30-20 ratio

- **All subjects, except for English, are to be delivered in French; however, Music or Physical Education may be delivered in English** in the event that qualified FSL staff are not available to fill the assignment.

MUST PARENTS/CAREGIVERS SPEAK FRENCH FOR FI?

Parents/Caregivers **are not expected to know French** in order to send their child to a French Immersion school. In fact, French Immersion education is intended for students and families who do not speak French at home.

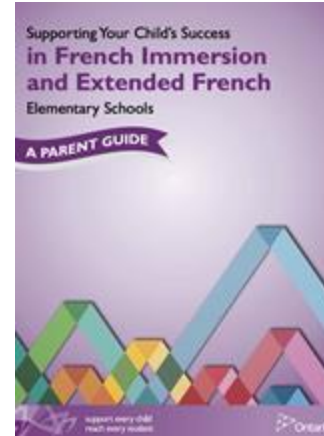
Parent/Caregiver-Educator **interviews, communication, and Ministry report cards are in English.**

HOW CAN WE SUPPORT OUR CHILD AT HOME?



Not-for-profit organization by and for parents/caregivers of children in French Immersion and Core French programs in Ontario; variety of programs and supports are available such as **virtual tutoring, reading clubs, enrichment competitions**, etc. for students in both elementary and secondary.

Click [HERE](#) for more information.



Resource developed by OME **specifically for parents/caregivers of children in French Immersion** programs. Variety of **practical ways, resources, and strategies to support your child** at home included.

Click [HERE](#) for more information.

HOW CAN WE SUPPORT OUR CHILD AT HOME?



Free, **e-book and audiobook library** for all TVDSB students and staff. Over **300+ French titles available** at the elementary and secondary levels. **Available 24/7**, including in the **summer**.

Click [HERE](#) to access (TVDSB credentials required)



Free online, easy-to-navigate French language learning platform. There are 4 different levels with 6 modules, each including a variety of **entertaining and educational songs, books, activities, and authentic dialogue scenarios**. Parents/caregivers can download the activities to a tablet or can have their children complete activities in a browser on a device.

Click [HERE](#) for free access

HOW CAN WE SUPPORT OUR CHILD AT HOME?



French Street is a website developed by CPF that promotes various in-person camps, exchanges, cultural events, etc. for parents/caregivers of French Immersion students.

Click [HERE](#) to access.



IDÉLLO offers thousands of free **French media videos and lessons** for students. It also has developed activities and resources specifically for parents/caregivers to complete with their children at home.

Click [HERE](#) to access the French Immersion section for parents/caregivers.

HOW CAN WE SUPPORT OUR CHILD AT HOME?

Toolbox



Virtual FSL Toolbox for Homework and Parents/Caregivers, including a variety of easy-to-navigate activities to work on everyday language in French, with audio-recorded examples of pronunciation.

Click [HERE](#) to access.



Mini TFO offers a variety of educational French games, activities, and series for children in the primary division.

Click [HERE](#) to access.

HOW CAN WE SUPPORT OUR CHILD AT HOME?

The logo for Boukili, featuring the word "Boukili" in a playful, rounded font. Each letter is a different color: 'B' is red, 'o' is orange, 'u' is green, 'k' is blue, 'i' is purple, and 'l' is pink.

YOU!

Boukili offers free access to hundreds of simple, but engaging, books, games and activities in **French** for children 4 years of age and up.

Click [HERE](#) to access.

Oral language is the foundation of literacy skills. **Parents/guardians are encouraged to speak with their children and read to (and be read to by) their children daily in their home language of their choice (does NOT have to be English nor French).** Research shows that this is very valuable and that many important skills will transfer over and even enhance your child's ability to learn French.

HOW CAN WE SUPPORT OUR CHILD AT HOME?

- Share your expertise in a particular field
- Classroom Assistance
- Reading Support
- Library Learning Commons
- Lunchroom Helper
- Volunteer Coaching
- Class/School Field Trips
- Fundraising
- Hot Lunch Days
- Spring Fling
- Snack Program
- School Council
- Home and School
- Open Houses
- Other? Speak to your Principal!

IS TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED?

- **BUSSING** IS PROVIDED FOR STUDENTS **LIVING FARTHER THAN 1.6 km** FROM THE DESIGNATED ELEMENTARY FI SCHOOL OR FARTHER THAN **3.2 KM** FROM THE DESIGNATED SECONDARY FI SCHOOL
- YOUR **DESIGNATED FI SCHOOL** IS DETERMINED **BY YOUR HOME ADDRESS**
- GO TO THE TVDSB WEBSITE UNDER **“Find a School”**, **“French Immersion program”** AND INPUT YOUR ADDRESS: **CLICK HERE**
- NEW STUDENTS ARE NOTIFIED OF BUS ROUTES DURING THE SUMMER

The screenshot shows a search interface with a blue header. On the left, it says 'SEARCH BY'. To the right are two tabs: 'ADDRESS' (which is selected) and 'SCHOOL'. Below the tabs, there are two main sections. The first is 'Enter Street Address', which contains two input fields: 'Number' and 'Street Name, City'. The second section is 'Select Grade or Program (optional)', which contains two dropdown menus: 'All Grades' and 'French Immersion'. To the right of these dropdowns is a 'Clear' link. At the bottom right of the form is a green 'Search' button.

REGISTRATION PROCESS

ON TVDSB WEBSITE: [CLICK HERE](#)

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



ONLINE REGISTRATION DATES

**JAN 15 - FEB 2,
2024**



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**CE MOMENT
WHEN YOU START
PENSER EN
DEUX LANGUES
AT THE SAME
TEMPS**

ELIGIBILITY FOR SEPTEMBER 2024

- Students entering Grade 1 French Immersion **must be 6 years old by December 31, 2024.**
- 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 French Immersion is by **September 30th, 2024.**

ANY
FURTHER
QUESTIONS?

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



TVDSB FRENCH IMMERSION SCHOOLS

<u>Éva Circé-Côté</u>	45885 SPARTA LINE, ST. THOMAS 5 19-775-2541	<u>Oliver Stephens</u>	1 64 FYFE AVE, WOODSTOCK 5 19-539-2068
<u>Jeanne Sauvé</u>	2 15 WHARNCLIFFE RD, LONDON 5 19-452-8250	<u>Pierre Elliott Trudeau</u>	1 12 CHURCHILL CR, ST. THOMAS 5 19-631-7820
<u>J.S. Buchanan</u>	248 KEEFER STREET, STRATHROY 5 19-245-0473	<u>Princess Anne</u>	191 DAWN DRIVE, LONDON 5 19-452-8480
<u>Kensal Park</u>	328 SPRINGBANK RD, LONDON 5 19-452-8280	<u>Princess Elizabeth</u>	247 THOMPSON RD, LONDON 5 19-452-8490
<u>Lord Roberts</u>	440 PRINCESS AVE, LONDON 5 19-452-8330	<u>Roch Carrier</u>	840 SLOANE ST, WOODSTOCK 5 19-537-7321
<u>Louise Arbour</u>	365 BELFIELD STREET, LONDON 5 19-452-2820	<u>West Oaks</u>	1050 PLANTATION ROAD, LONDON 5 19-452-8650