



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 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.

# PATHWAY FOR IMMERSION IN TVDSB

## 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 Immersion Program
- If a student chooses to leave French Immersion, parents/guardians 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

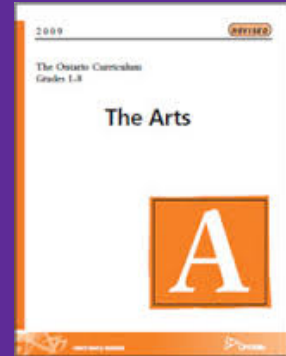
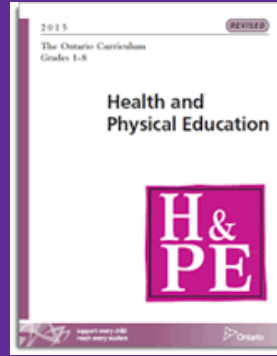
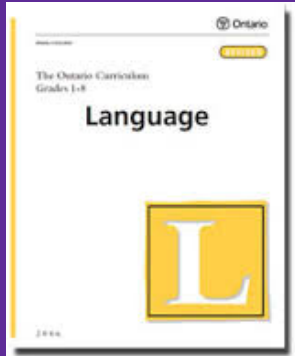
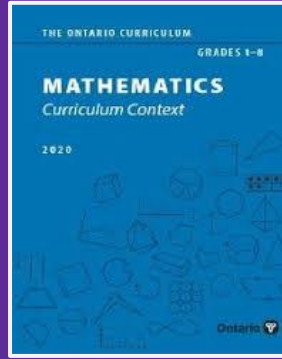
## SECONDARY IMMERSION

- 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 sit 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?



# 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

WELCOME TO  
**CANADIAN  
PARENTS  
FOR FRENCH**  
ONTARIO



FRENCH STREET



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FRENCH EXPERIENCES

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STREET**®  
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The road to French experiences.



# OUR TVDSB ONLINE LIBRARY LEARNING COMMONS

## FRENCH RESOURCES (USE YOUR TVDSB LOGIN)

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

READING ACTIVITIES & RESOURCES	FRENCH LINKS
	
	
	  FSL Toolkit

# GETTING INVOLVED!



- SHARE YOUR EXPERTISE
- CLASSROOM ASSISTANCE
- READING SUPPORT
- LIBRARY LEARNING COMMONS
- LUNCHROOM HELPER
- ASSISTING WITH COACHING
- CLASS TRIPS
- FUNDRAISING
- 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 THAN 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 17TH - FEB 4TH,  
2022



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

# ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2022

- Students entering Grade 1 French Immersion must be 6 years old by December 31, 2022.
- 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 September 30th.

ANY FURTHER  
QUESTIONS?

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





# TVDSB has 12 French Immersion Schools

<a href="#"><u>Éva Circé-Côté</u></a>	45885 SPARTA LINE, ST. THOMAS 519-775-2541	<a href="#"><u>Oliver Stephens</u></a>	164 FYFE AVE, WOODSTOCK 519-539-2068
<a href="#"><u>Jeanne Sauvé</u></a>	215 WHARNCLIFFE RD, LONDON 519-452-8250	<a href="#"><u>Pierre Elliott Trudeau</u></a>	112 CHURCHILL CR, ST. THOMAS 519-631-7820
<a href="#"><u>J.S. Buchanan</u></a>	248 KEEFER STREET, STRATHROY 519-245-0473	<a href="#"><u>Princess Anne</u></a>	191 DAWN DRIVE, LONDON 519-452-8480
<a href="#"><u>Kensal Park</u></a>	328 SPRINGBANK RD, LONDON 519-452-8280	<a href="#"><u>Princess Elizabeth</u></a>	247 THOMPSON RD, LONDON 519-452-8490
<a href="#"><u>Lord Roberts</u></a>	440 PRINCESS AVE, LONDON 519-452-8330	<a href="#"><u>Roch Carrier</u></a>	840 SLOANE ST, WOODSTOCK 519-537-7321
<a href="#"><u>Louise Arbour</u></a>	365 BELFIELD STREET, LONDON 519-452-2820	<a href="#"><u>West Oaks</u></a>	1050 PLANTATION ROAD, LONDON 519-452-8650