

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. The African Heritage Program connects students to the contributions, histories, legacies, cultures and traditions of people of African descent through inquiry and experiential learning.

2. Do you offer English or French?

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

3. Who can enrol 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 enrol in our program as long as they live in Ontario.

5. When are the classes?

Classes start from September to June, one day a week for two and a half hours. Classes are offered for 30 weeks.

6. What time are the classes?

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

7. Is there a cost to enrol 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 enrol in one language for each day. However, you cannot enrol for the same language more than once a week. For example:

Allowed: You can take Arabic on Mondays at Bellmere PS, Bengali on Tuesdays at Secord PS, and Cantonese on Wednesdays at David Lewis PS.

Not allowed: Arabic on Mondays at Bellmere PS and Arabic on Saturdays at Milne Valley MS.

9. Can we enrol 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 enrol 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.

10. Where will classes be held?

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

11. How can I register?

Please see page 2 for registration information.

12. What do I need to register?

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

13. 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.

14. How many students are required to open a new language class or keep a class open?

There is a possibility that a new language can be added. A minimum of 23 registered students is required to open or keep a class open. Please contact the Program Officer of your school. The Program Officer for your school can be found by visiting www.ileprograms.ca

15. 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.

16. 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.

17. 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.

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

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