



## **Annual Enrolment in Early and Middle French Immersion Programs 2023/2024 and Core French Programs 2022/2023**

**To:** Program and School Services Committee

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### **Strategic Directions**

- Transform Student Learning
- Provide Equity of Access to Learning Opportunities for All Students

### **Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Annual Enrolment in Early and Middle Immersion French Programs 2023/2024 and Core French Program 2022/2023 be received.

### **Context**

Aligned with the Multi-Year Strategic Plan and the French-as-a-Second Language Recommendations, equity of access to Intensive French programs continues to be a key priority.

The Early French Immersion program has been in Toronto schools since the early 1970's. It began in a handful of schools and has grown over the years. At amalgamation, there were 41 Early French Immersion entry sites in the TDSB. In 2009, Operational Procedure PR597 came into effect which allowed for the accommodation of all families who apply by a deadline in an Early French Immersion or Junior Extended French program and outlined a process for program growth. Since 2009, 36 new sites have opened to accommodate growing demand in the program. Similarly, the Junior Extended French program began in 2004 in 7 schools and has since grown to 39 sites. In September 2021, due to recommendations from the French Review, the Middle French Immersion (Grade 4 entry), began in 40 sites, as the Junior Extended French program phases out. Currently, there is an Early French Immersion and Middle French Immersion program to serve every residential address in the Toronto District School Board.

Core French is mandatory in Ontario from Grades 4 to 8 for all students in English-language elementary schools. Policy and program requirements for elementary school Core French programs dictate that students entering Grade 4 must receive French instruction in every year from Grade 4 to Grade 8 and must have accumulated a minimum of 600 hours of French instruction by the end of Grade 8. There is one mandatory Core French credit required in Grade 9.

*Both Early French Immersion and Middle French Immersion* are French-as-a-Second Language (FSL) programs in which French is not only taught as a subject, but also serves as the language of instruction in other subjects. In a *French Immersion program*, French must be the language of instruction for a minimum of 50 percent of the total instructional time at every grade level of the program.

ENROLMENT: To note, of the 3,048 pre-Junior Kindergarten (JK) student applicants to JK French Immersion, 2,565 accepted (i.e., reserved) placements for September 2023. For September 2023, there are 77 Early French Immersion sites. As part of the continued focus to improve geographical accessibility and prioritize currently and historically underserved areas, three (3) new Early French Immersion program sites (i.e., Gracedale PS, Kingsview Village Jr PS, and White Haven PS) opened reducing commute times and catchment sizes along with increasing access and improving distribution of programs across the system.

The total number of Grade 3 students in 2022 was 14,699 of which 1,223 applied to Grade 4 Middle French Immersion and 776 accepted (i.e., reserved) placements for September 2023. The percentage of students whose placement was accepted for 2023 was 5% of those in Grade 3 in 2022. In comparison, the total number of Grade 3 students in 2021 was 14,481 of which 837 applied to Grade 4 Middle French Immersion and 653 accepted (i.e., reserved) placements for September 2022. The percentage of students whose placement was accepted for 2022 was 5% of those in Grade 3 in 2022. For September 2023, there are 40 Middle French Immersion sites.

All on-time applicants (Early French Immersion JK entry for 2023 and Grade 4 Middle French Immersion entry for 2023) are offered a placement in a program. There are no system wait-lists. While every effort is made to place students in the school identified as their area Early French Immersion or Middle French Immersion school, this is not always possible. In cases where the number of applications in a given area is greater than the number of allotted program spaces in the school, redirection is the process by which applicants are accommodated. Guiding principles for redirection include redirecting students as a group based on English home school and redirecting to the closest Early French Immersion or Middle French Immersion site with available program space. When a fraction appears in the "Redirection" column of Appendix A, the denominator indicates the number of students who were redirected to a school other than the French program school currently associated to their designated English school as per Operational Procedure PR597 – Early French Immersion/Middle French

Immersion. The numerator indicates the number of accepted placements through redirection.

While the tables in appendices for each of the programs show numbers at the entry point, the last table in this report shows the total enrolment in these programs from JK to Grade 12. Please note that, in the attached charts, “*Accepted*” refers to the number of students whose parents/guardians/caregivers have reserved a placement in the program. This number may change between application close and September enrolment.

## **Action Plan and Associated Timeline**

Staff is committed to increased equity of access to French Immersion through the Long-Term Planning and Accommodation Strategy.

## **Resource Implications**

No resource implications identified at this time.

## **Communications Considerations**

This current annual report was shared with the French-as-a-Second Language Community Advisory Committee (FSLCAC) in draft on June 13, 2023.

## **Board Policy and Procedure Reference(s)**

[PR597: French Immersion/Extended French](#)

[P080: French-as-a-Second Language](#)

## **Appendices**

- Appendix A: Enrolment Data in Early and Middle French Immersion Programs 2023-2024 & Core French Programs 2022-2023

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Early French Immersion

(Junior Kindergarten Entry – September 2023)

School Name	Total # of Applicants	# Sibling Applicants	# Accepted Placements	# Accepted from English Catchment	# Accepted from Feeder Schools	Number of Projected Classes	School Configuration	Redirection
Adam Beck Jr PS	32	18	32	32	0	1	JK-5	None
Alexander Stirling PS	19	5	16	2	14	1	JK-8	None
Allenby Jr PS	26	12	24	24	0	1	JK-6	None
Beverly Glen Jr PS	29	11	25	6	19	1	JK-6	None
Birch Cliff PS	40	9	39	21	18	1.5	JK-8	None
Blake Street Jr PS	73	14	54	35	19	2	JK-6	None
Bowmore Road Jr & Sr PS	61	20	56	41	15	2	JK-8	None
Brian PS	52	15	48	40	8	2	JK-5	None
Brimwood Blvd Jr PS	19	2	15	1	14	1	JK-6	None
Broadacres JS	30	4	21	9	12	1	JK-5	None
Broadlands PS	48	10	39	0	39	1.5	JK-5	None
Brookhaven PS	25	3	25	2	23	1	JK-5	None
Brown Jr PS	25	10	23	23	0	1	JK-6	None
Carleton Village Jr & Sr SW Academy	31	15	29	22	7	1	JK-8	<b>38 to George Syme</b> 2/9 Carleton Village

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								2/3 Dennis 2/2 Cordella 0/1 Harwood 0/2 Keelesdale 1/5 FH Miller 2/4 Silverthorn 5/12 General Mercer
Chief Dan George PS	13	4	10	3	7	1	JK-8	None
Clairlea PS	39	6	30	9	21	1	JK-8	None
Cliffwood PS	37	10	36	9	27	1.5	JK-5	None
Corvette Jr PS	37	7	27	5	22	1	JK-6	None
Dallington PS	51	5	41	7	34	1.5	JK-5	None
Davisville Jr PS	57	9	47	17	30	1.5	JK-6	None
Derrydown PS	23	2	11	0	11	1	JK-5	None
Dewson Jr PS	37	10	30	9	21	1	JK-6	None
Duke of Connaught Jr & Sr PS	39	12	36	34	2	1.5	JK-8	None
Dundas Jr PS	49	15	40	24	16	1.5	JK-5	<b>15 to R H McGregor</b> 9/15 Chester
Dunlace PS	20	2	20	9	11	1	JK-6	None
Earl Beatty Jr & Sr PS	46	13	36	12	24	1.5	JK-8	None
Earl Haig PS	36	17	36	35	1	1.5	JK-8	None
Ellesmere Statton PS	28	6	21	5	16	1	JK-8	None
Elmlea JS	37	10	30	8	22	1	JK-5	None
Fern Ave Jr & Sr PS	35	12	33	27	6	1	JK-8	None
Fraser Mustard Early Learning Academy	20	1	17	17	0	1	JK- SK	None
General Crerar PS	21	3	17	1	16	1	JK-8	None

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George B Little PS	17	2	13	3	10	1	JK-8	None
George Syme CS	85	4	36	7	29	1.5	JK-8	None
Gledhill Jr PS	33	9	29	29	0	1	JK-6	None
Glen Park PS	59	8	44	17	27	1.5	JK-6	None
Gracedale PS**	17	0	12	5	7	1	JK-5	None
Howard Jr PS	35	13	33	29	4	1	JK-6	None
Humbercrest PS	33	7	32	32	0	1	JK-8	None
Humewood CS	52	16	48	37	11	1.5	JK-8	None
Islington JMS	35	9	30	20	10	1	JK-8	<b>11 to John English</b> 9/11 Étienne Brûlé
Jackman Ave Jr PS	27	13	27	26	1	1	JK-6	None
John English JMS	54	14	50	12	38	2	JK-8	None
John Fisher Jr PS	66	11	53	0	53	2	JK-6	None
Kingsview Village Jr PS**	23	0	18	4	14	1	JK-5	None
Lester B. Pearson ES	68	9	49	0	49	2	JK-8	None
Lord Lansdowne Jr PS	86	14	68	0	68	2.5	JK-6	None
Mason Road Jr PS	19	0	10	3	7	1	JK-6	None
Melody Village JS	38	11	32	0	32	1	JK-8	None
Millwood JS	47	12	44	13	31	1.5	JK-5	None
Morse St Jr PS	39	11	38	24	14	1.5	JK-6	None
North Agincourt JPS	23	8	21	7	14	1	JK-6	None
Northlea EMS	26	8	24	22	2	1	JK-8	None
O'Connor PS	21	4	18	7	11	1	JK-5	None
Owen PS	27	9	27	22	5	1	JK-6	None
Palmerston Ave Jr PS	41	14	38	30	8	1.5	JK-6	None

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Parkdale Jr & Sr Ps	36	8	25	13	12	1	JK-8	None
Pauline Johnson Jr PS	31	3	26	3	23	1	JK-6	None
Perth Ave Jr PS	30	16	29	26	3	1	JK-6	<b>7 to Howard</b> 4/7 Indian Road <b>17 to Regal</b> 5/17 Perth
Rawlinson CS	72	11	56	33	23	2	JK-8	None
Regal Road Jr PS	52	13	38	22	16	1.5	JK-6	None
RH McGregor ES	65	19	57	47	10	2	JK-5	None
Rockford PS	66	12	50	17	33	2	JK-6	None
Rosethorn JS	42	13	35	19	16	1.5	JK-5	None
Runnymede Jr & Sr PS	64	21	61	59	2	2	JK-8	None
Second Street JMS	33	12	31	11	20	1	JK-8	<b>10 to Sir Adam Beck</b> 8/10 James S Bell
Secord ES	33	10	30	30	0	1	JK-5	None
Sir Adam Beck JS	52	9	49	22	27	2	JK-5	None
Topcliff PS	16	1	12	1	11	1	JK-5	None
Tredway Woodsworth PS	24	6	18	4	14	1	JK-8	None
Tumpane PS	23	7	21	4	17	1	JK-5	None
White Haven PS**	16	0	13	3	10	1	JK-8	None
William G. Miller PS	38	7	35	4	31	1.5	JK-8	<b>4 to Chief Dan George</b> 3/4 Meadowvale
Williamson Rd Jr PS	43	11	43	32	11	1.5	JK-6	None
Winchester Jr & Sr PS	132	11	110	0	110	3.5	JK-8	<b>6 to John Fisher</b> 4/6 Whitney
Withrow Ave Jr PS	30	15	30	30	0	1	JK-6	<b>4 to Blake</b> 3/4 Withrow
Yorkview PS	44	10	38	16	22	1.5	JK-5	None

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<b>TOTAL 2023-2024 (JK only)</b>	<b>3,048</b>	<b>713</b>	<b>2,565</b>	<b>1,234</b>	<b>1,331</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>59/112</b>
<b>TOTAL 2022-2023* (JK/SK)</b>	<b>5,774</b>	<b>1,531</b>	<b>4,858</b>	<b>2,343</b>	<b>2,515</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>40/89</b>
<b>TOTAL 2021-2022 (SK only)</b>	<b>2,865</b>	<b>787</b>	<b>2,619</b>	<b>1,350</b>	<b>1,269</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>75/148</b>

**\*Note:** Denotes a double cohort entry (i.e., JK/SK) for Early French Immersion for September 2022-2023 school year only.

**\*\*Note:** Denotes a new Early French Immersion site for September 2023-2024 school year.

**Middle French Immersion**

**(Grade 4 Entry – September 2023)**

School Name	Total # of Applicants	# Sibling Applicants	# Accepted Placements	# Accepted from English Catchment	# Accepted from Feeder Schools	Number of Projected Classes	School Configuration	Redirection
Bedford Park PS	49	10	42	23	19	2	JK-8	None
Blaydon PS	23	1	10	1	9	1	JK-5	None
Briarcrest JS	20	0	12	0	12	1	JK-5	None
Cassandra PS	18	0	16	9	7	1	JK-5	None
Cedarbrook PS	59	1	31	0	31	1	JK-8	None
Centennial Road Jr PS	26	4	25	16	9	1	JK-6	None
Charles H. Best JMS	21	1	15	0	15	1	4-8	None
Cherokee PS	11	0	7	1	6	1	JK-5	None
Chester ES	40	1	28	22	6	1	JK-5	None
Cliffside PS	24	0	10	3	7	1	JK-8	None
Cresthaven PS	27	0	18	2	16	1	JK-5	None



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School Name	Total # of Applicants	# Sibling Applicants	# Accepted Placements	# Accepted from English Catchment	# Accepted from Feeder Schools	Number of Projected Classes	School Configuration	Redirection
Denlow PS	26	0	22	3	19	1	JK-5	None
Diefenbaker ES	16	0	15	15	0	1	JK-5	None
Duke of Connaught Jr & Sr PS	25	1	11	1	10	1	JK-8	None
Dundas Jr PS	40	0	21	4	17	1	JK-5	None
Emily Carr PS	32	1	15	1	14	1	JK-8	None
Fern Ave Jr & Sr PS	28	3	21	0	21	1	JK-8	None
Forest Hill Jr & Sr PS	59	5	40	6	34	2	JK-8	None
Greenholme JMS	42	0	18	0	18	1	JK-8	None
Grenoble PS	33	1	16	4	12	1	JK-6	None
Harwood PS	20	2	10	6	4	1	JK-8	None
Highland Creek PS	17	3	12	1	11	1	JK-8	None
Highland Heights Jr PS	17	0	9	1	8	1	JK-6	None
Hunter's Glen Jr PS	46	6	32	2	30	1	JK-6	None
John A. Leslie PS	27	0	21	16	5	1	JK-8	None
John Ross Robertson Jr PS	34	3	30	28	2	1	JK-6	None
Maple Leaf PS	21	1	12	1	11	1	JK-8	None
North Agincourt Jr PS	32	1	20	4	16	1	JK-6	None
Pleasant PS	49	2	24	7	17	1	JK-6	None

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School Name	Total # of Applicants	# Sibling Applicants	# Accepted Placements	# Accepted from English Catchment	# Accepted from Feeder Schools	Number of Projected Classes	School Configuration	Redirection
Poplar Road Jr PS	32	0	22	11	11	1	JK-6	None
Presteign Heights ES	14	1	12	6	6	1	JK-5	None
Rawlinson CS	20	1	8	1	7	1	JK-8	None
Renee Gordon HW Academy	33	0	16	5	11	1	JK-5	None
Ryerson CS	43	1	16	2	14	1	JK-8	None
Second Street JMS	31	0	17	2	15	1	JK-8	None
Sir Samuel B. Steele Jr PS	31	1	15	9	6	1	JK-6	None
Stanley PS	28	0	19	10	9	1	JK-5	None
Swansea Jr & Sr PS	52	12	47	47	0	2	JK-8	None
Valleyfield JS	22	1	17	9	8	1	JK-6	None
Wilkinson Jr PS	35	5	24	15	9	1	JK-6	None
<b>TOTAL 2023-2024</b>	<b>1,223</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>776</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>482</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>TOTAL 2022-2023</b>	<b>837</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>653</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>389</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>TOTAL 2021-2022</b>	<b>982</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>834</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>569</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>None</b>

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**Total Enrolment in French Immersion & Extended French Programs (JK to Grade 12)**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Elementary French Immersion</b>	<b>Elementary Extended French</b>	<b>Secondary French Immersion</b>	<b>Secondary Extended French</b>	<b>Total</b>
2000-1	11,242	1,667	1,645	856	15,410
2001-2	11,206	1,584	2,606	801	16,197
2002-3	10,921	1,412	2,576	760	15,669
2003-4	11,047	1,660	2,176	1,147	16,030
2004-5	11,171	1,746	2,335	1,245	16,497
2005-6	11,331	2,098	2,406	1,319	17,154
2006-7	11,483	2,670	2,427	1,314	17,894
2007-8	11,865	3,394	2,428	1,352	19,039
2008-9	12,307	3,706	2,430	1,293	19,736
2009-10	12,810	3,954	2,408	1,291	20,463
2010-11	13,415	4,180	2,482	1,371	21,448
2011-12	14,285	4,246	2,506	1,525	22,562
2012-13	14,956	4,381	2,628	1,803	23,768
2013-14	15,724	4,546	2,728	1,845	24,843
2014-15	16,556	4,830	2,776	1,994	26,156
2015-16	17,476	4,848	2,855	1,970	27,149
2016-17	18,067	5,224	2,852	1,870	28,013
2017-18	18,631	5,376	2,899	1,915	28,821

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2018-19	18,961	5,606	3,061	1,861	29,489
2019-20	18,991	5,647	3,183	2,001	29,822
2020-21	18,485	5,570	3,365	2,084	29,504
2021-22	18,020	3,866	3,457	2,130	27,473
<b>2022-2023*</b>	<b>19,566</b>	<b>2,591</b>	<b>3,367</b>	<b>1,956</b>	<b>27,480</b>

\*Note: Denotes the year of transition to JK entry point in Early French Immersion.

**Total Enrolment in Core French (Grades 4 to12)**

**Enrolment as of October 2022**

Grade Level	Total # of Students Core French
Grade 4	14,699
Grade 5	14,547
Grade 6	13,696
Grade 7	13,883
Grade 8	14,171
Grade 9	14,927
Grade10	3,489
Grade 11	1,594
Grade 12	1,310
<b>TOTAL 2022-2023</b>	<b>92,316</b>
<b>TOTAL 2021-2022</b>	<b>90,554</b>
<b>TOTAL 2020-2021</b>	<b>91,390</b>

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**System Total at Program Entry Points**

Program	Accepted February 2023	No. of Classes	System Waitlists 2022-23	System Waitlists 2021-22	System Waitlists 2020-21
Early Immersion (JK Entry)	2,565	102	0	0	0
Middle Immersion (Grade 4 Entry)	776	43	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL 2023-2024</b>	<b>3,341</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>TOTAL 2022-2023**</b>	<b>5,911</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>TOTAL 2021-2022*</b>	<b>3,889</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

\*Note: Totals include SK Early Immersion entry and Intensive Extended Grade 6 Program.

\*\*Note: Totals include the double cohort entry (i.e., JK/SK) for Early French Immersion for September 2022-2023 school year only.

**Transportation**

**French Immersion & Extended (JK to 12)**

Grade Level	Total # of Students Transported by Bus	Empty Seat Riders on School Bus	Grade Level	Total # of Students Provided TTC Tickets
JK	355	5	N/A	N/A
SK	429	8	Grade 6	0
Grade 1	423	4	Grade 7	6
Grade 2	395	7	Grade 8	75
Grade 3	352	3	Grade 9	10
Grade 4	561	9	Grade 10	15
Grade 5	497	7	Grade 11	22
Grade 6 (2+ trsf req.)	6	97	Grade 12	21
Grade 7	N/A	13		
Grade 8	N/A	4		

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<b>TOTAL 2022-2023</b>	<b>3,163</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>TOTAL 2022-2023</b>	<b>149</b>
<b>TOTAL 2021-2022</b>	<b>2,575</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>TOTAL 2021-2022</b>	<b>138</b>
<b>TOTAL 2020-2021</b>	<b>2,260</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>TOTAL 2020-2021</b>	<b>89</b>