***Please Note:* The only entry point to Early French Immersion is Junior Kindergarten.**

# Frequently Asked Questions

**Q#1 – How do I determine the Early French Immersion school for my area?**

* Once you have a Toronto address, please enter it in the search window on the [Find Your School](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Find-your/School) page to determine your home English school.
* Regardless of the grade of your child, please take note of the English school where your child would begin or would have begun **Kindergarten.**
* Enter the name of this home English school in the French Immersion/Extended French School Search box on the [School Search](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Elementary-School/School-Choices/French-Programs/School-Search) page.
* That will indicate the Early French Immersion school serving your address.

**Q#2 – How do I determine the middle, senior or secondary school with the Early French**

**Immersion program serving my address area?**

* Enter your Toronto address in the search window on the [Find Your School](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Find-your/School) page.
* Regardless of the grade of your child, please take note of the English school where your child would begin or would have begun **Kindergarten.**
* Enter the name of this home English school in the French Immersion/Extended French School Search box on the [School Search](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Elementary-School/School-Choices/French-Programs/School-Search) page.
* That will indicate the Early French Immersion elementary school serving your address.
* Then, on the left side of the page, please click on **Pathways**.
* Select the appropriate program – Early French Immersion.
* A document will open indicating the current pathways through elementary, senior and secondary school for each school.

**Q#3 – Can my child attend an Early French Immersion program in a school other**

**than the one associated with our home address?**

* If a family wishes to attend an Early French Immersion program at a school other than the one designated for their home address, the parents/guardians/caregivers may apply via the “Out-of-Area” admissions procedure prior to the deadline.
* For information regarding the “Out-of-Area” admissions procedure, including forms, please visit the [Out-of-Area Admissions](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Find-your/School/Out-of-Area-Admissions) page.
* Please follow the process as indicated within the timelines specified on the online application.
* There is no guarantee of placement via the “Out-of-Area” admissions procedure; if admitted, no transportation is provided.

**Q#4 – How do I apply to Early French Immersion?**

* The Early French Immersion program currently begins in Junior Kindergarten. Applications to Early French Immersion are accepted in the fall of the year the student is 3 years old to begin in September of Junior Kindergarten.
* Please consult the [French Programs](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/french) website beginning in September of the application year for your child for the specific application window dates and deadlines for the application period that year.
* For more information about the application process, please visit the [Application Process](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Elementary-School/School-Choices/French-Programs/Application-Process) page.
* To submit an application for Early French Immersion, please visit the [Program Application & Registration System (PARS)](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Elementary-School/School-Choices/French-Programs/Application-Process/PARS) during the application period for that year.

**Q#5 – My child did not begin Early French Immersion in Kindergarten. Can I still apply to this**

**program?**

* When a family wishes to enter the Early French Immersion program late (after the entry point) there are 2 considerations that are carefully measured:
  + available space in the class
  + equivalent academic background in French.
* Please inquire at the school about available space in the class. If the class is full, the child may not be admitted. If there is space in the class, the next step would be to provide documentation of the model of French instruction that your child has received at his/her/their other school.
* An equivalent academic background would be something equivalent to, or very close to, the model of instruction the students have experienced in the TDSB program you are asking for the child to join.

**Q#6 – My child is currently attending Early French Immersion in a TDSB school and we have**

**moved. Can he/she/they transfer to a new school?**

* Yes, if a child is already attending an Early French Immersion program in TDSB and the family moves to another TDSB school with an Early French Immersion program, the child may transfer to the new area school regardless of space constraints.
* This protection is suspended in the case of an existing waitlist. Waitlists are only in place at the entry grades (Kindergarten and Grade 4).
  + The waitlist to the Early French Immersion program expires at the end of September of the initial year.
  + The waitlist to the Middle French Immersion program expires in September of the initial year.
* After these waitlist periods expire, a student may transfer from one TDSB Early French Immersion program to the same program in another TDSB school.

**Q#7 – My child is currently attending French Immersion in another Public, English**

**Language school board in Canada and we are moving to Toronto.**

**Can he/she/they join an Early French Immersion program in the TDSB?**

* A child who has been attending a French Immersion program in another public, English language school board may join a French Immersion program at a school associated with the new home address regardless of space provided proof of residency within the catchment area for the French program.
* The student must have been attending a program that is equivalent or nearly equivalent to the program he/she/they wishes to join.
* For more information about TDSB program models, please visit the [French Language Programs](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Elementary-School/School-Choices/French-Programs/French-as-a-Second-Language-FSL-Programs) page.

**Q#8 – My child is currently attending a francophone (French first language) school.**

**Can he/she/they join a French Immersion program in the TDSB?**

* If there is available space in the TDSB school associated with your home address, he/she/they may be admitted.
* If there is no space, there will be no admission.

**Q#9 – My child is currently attending a French Immersion program in the Catholic school**

**board. Can he/she/they transfer to French Immersion in a TDSB school?**

* If the child is attending a Catholic school, he/she/they may be admitted to a TDSB French Immersion program associated with their home address based on two criteria:
  + available space in the class
  + equivalency of background in French.
* For more information about TDSB program models, please visit the [French Language Programs](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Elementary-School/School-Choices/French-Programs/French-as-a-Second-Language-FSL-Programs) page.

**Q#10 – My child is currently attending a French Immersion program in a private school.**

**Can he/she/they transfer to French Immersion in a TDSB school?**

* If the child is attending a private school, he/she/they may be admitted to a TDSB French Immersion program associated with their home address based on two criteria:
  + available space in the class
  + equivalency of background in French.
* For more information about TDSB program models, please visit the [French Language Programs](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Elementary-School/School-Choices/French-Programs/French-as-a-Second-Language-FSL-Programs) page.