Parent information about Grade 1 French Immersion
Nov. 22, 2018

Welcome/Bienvenue
About our school

- number of students in FI – 198 (10 classes), English – 319 (9 classes)

- clubs: Radical Recyclers, Ambassadors, Shoe Lace Tying, Singers Club

- intramurals: soccer, floor hockey, quidditch

- trips: Gr. 5 ski trip, Gr. 3 Britannia School House, Terra Cotta, Finlayson, Springridge Farm, Science Centre, local library visits, bowling

- school council – meet on Mondays, about 5 times a year

- opportunities for parent involvement – at the school, on trips
French as a Second Language

- no requirement of previous French experience
Peel board
French as a Second Language programs

French Immersion—starts in grade 1

Core French – starts in grade 4

Extended French – starts in grade 7
Grade 1 French Immersion program

- 50 per cent in French / 50 per cent in English

- FI students may have two main teachers – 1 English and 1 French OR 1 teacher that teaches both programs

- same provincial curriculum expectations as the English program
French Immersion program

• Currently, 48 schools offer French Immersion
• 25 per cent of grade 1 students in Peel will be offered placement in Grade 1 French Immersion
• 17,000 Peel board students in French Immersion grades 1 to 12
• 198 French Immersion students currently at our school
Qualified French Immersion teachers

- proficient in speaking, reading and writing French
- additional training in teaching French as a Second Language
Goals of French Immersion

• fluency in French
• learn about the French culture
• gain understanding of Canada’s bilingual and bicultural heritage
• appreciate value of learning another language
By the end of grade 1:
• follow written and verbal instructions in French
• speak in French about familiar topics
• pronounce familiar French words correctly
• read short, simple materials in French
• follow simple written instructions
• produce short, simple pieces of writing in French
Secondary school
- 10 credits in French
- Certificate of French Immersion Studies
By the end of high school:

- more than 6,000 hours of French instruction
- conversations with francophones
- understand the language of the French-speaking community
- read French newspapers, magazines and books
- write day-to-day correspondence
Is French Immersion right for my child?

- strong skills in first language
- likes to talk
- likes to work in groups
- imitates easily
- good memory
- demonstrates confidence
- risk-taker
- enjoys new challenges
- enjoys books
- successful transition from home to kindergarten
What if English is not your child's first language?

- strong skills in the child's first language
- continue to speak first language at home
Is French Immersion right for my family?

- consideration of transportation/daycare arrangements

- *be aware that your children may be in two or more schools*

- family in agreement to support the FI learning and program
Indications that French Immersion might not be the right choice now

- students who will miss significant amounts of instructional time (e.g. frequent or extended vacations)
- struggling with the transition to school
- different opinions within the family about the program
French is part of every child's school experience

• all students study French 200 minutes/week in the Core French program from grades 4 to 8

• another immersion option—Extended French starts in grade 7

• at least one high school French credit
Moving out of French Immersion

- students return to their neighbourhood school
- no flexible boundaries
ENROLMENT PROCESS FOR GRADE 1 FI

• Grade 1 FI enrolment cap is set at 25 per cent of all Peel students enrolled in grade 1.
• A random selection process determines which students will be offered spaces.
• Spaces are not offered on a first come, first serve basis.
• Students not accepted into grade 1 French Immersion are placed on a waitlist. Each school has its own waitlist.
Applications open
November 23, 2018
1 p.m.

Apply online
www.peelschools.org/French
Application deadline

January 25, 2019, 4 p.m.

Even if you have an older child currently in French Immersion in grade 7, you must apply by the deadline to avoid being placed on the waitlist.

If you do not get email confirmation that your application was received, contact the school immediately.
Dates to note AFTER you have applied

All students who apply by the deadline Jan. 26, 2018 will be placed in a random selection process and assigned a rank.

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If you **miss the Jan. 25 deadline to apply:**
You can still apply but applicants will be placed on the school’s waitlist and will not be a part of the random selection process.

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Waitlist

Students will be placed on a waitlist for grade 1 FI in the following order:

1. Students who applied by the Jan. 25 deadline, but were not selected during the random selection process and are placed in rank order.

2. Students who missed the application deadline.

3. Students who moved to the Peel board, were not part of an existing FI program and missed the application deadline.
Placing students from the waitlist

If you are not told by the end of the first week of school in September (i.e. Sept. 6, 2019), that your child has a space in grade 1 French Immersion, he or she will not attend the program.

**If you receive an offer for placement in grade 1 FI, the school requires an immediate response to hold the place.**
Important things to note

• Students must apply to and (if accepted) attend the French Immersion school based on their home address.

• Flexible boundaries are NOT available for grade 1 FI.
Keep your contact info up to date

After applying online, call the school if:

- You made an error in completing the online application
- You no longer wish to enrol your child in FI
- Your phone number/email address changes
- Your home address changes
First day of school

Tuesday, September 3, 2019

To maintain your spot in FI, you must provide an explanation to the Principal if your child will not attend on the first day of school.

In order to remain in the program, your child must attend school by September 13, 2019.
Busing eligibility

- grade 1 – 1 km
- grades 2 to 4 – 1.6 km
- grades 5 to 8 – 2 km

To find out if your child qualifies for busing, visit www.stopr.ca.
Central bus stops

- bus does not pick up in front of your home

- children walk up to 700m to bus stop
Help your child at home

- talk to your child every day about school
- read with your child every day in English, French or your first language
- support homework routines as outlined by the teacher
- listen to music by French artists and watch French programs or favourite movies in French
- find ways to expose your child to French or to use French outside of school time
- borrow French resources and materials from the public library
WE ARE A NATIONAL NETWORK OF VOLUNTEERS that is dedicated to the promotion and creation of French Second Language opportunities for youth.

Peel Chapters: Brampton, Caledon, Mississauga West

For homework help tips, online French resources and more, visit: on.cpf.ca
Questions?