Parent information about Grade 1 French Immersion
Nov. 23, 2017

Welcome/Bienvenue
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

- FL students may have two main teachers – 1 English and 1 French

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

• Currently, 46 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
• 2/3 of our students are enrolled in French Immersion this year
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
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
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 24, 2017
1 p.m.

Apply online
www.peelschools.org/French
Application deadline

January 26, 2018, 4 p.m.

Even if you have an older child currently in French Immersion in grades 6 to 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. 26 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. 26 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. 7, 2018), 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 4, 2018

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 14, 2018.
Bussing 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
How to apply

The application process for FI will be done through an online form that will be available on Friday, Nov. 24, 2017 at 1 p.m. at www.peelschools.org/French

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Regional Learning Choices Programs

Regional Learning Choices Programs empower students by providing an opportunity to develop and explore skills in a particular area of interest. Attend one of our program information nights to learn more.

Learn More
How to apply

French Immersion & Extended French

Visit our application page for information on how to apply for the grade 1 FI enrolment cap, random selection process system, waitlist process, busing and a list of FI/EF schools.

Understanding French programs
Grade 1 French Immersion Application Form for 2017 - 18

**Student Information**

* First Name

* Last Name

* Birth Date

* Gender [Male] [Female]

This child is a twin/triplet

Submit separate application for each child.

**Current Address**

* Street #

* Street Name

Province

Postal Code

Apartment

* Home Phone
School Information

* My child is currently attending
  Use School Locator to determine school

Sibling Information
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# Kindergarten Communication of Learning

## Initial Observations

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School Information

* My child is currently attending: Another Ontario School Board

* Specify

Based on my home address, my French Immersion School is

Use School Locator to determine your French Immersion school
Find Your School

Please note that the information displayed is for the current school year only. Although every effort is made to ensure accuracy, sometimes this information may not reflect the true boundaries. For clarification on boundaries or for help with your search, please contact Planning & Accommodation Support Services at 905-890-1010 (or 1-800-668-1146) ext. 2212.

Schools

All Elementary Schools
All Schools
All Secondary Schools
By Municipality
Brampton
Caledon
Mississauga
Directions
Families of Schools
Field Centres
Britannia Farm
Community-based programming
GW Finlayson Field Centre
Jack Smythe Field Centre

Enter Street Address

Number

Select Grade or Program (optional)

All Grades
All Programs

Search by
Address
School

Search

Searched Address:
Elementary
Secondary
French Immersion
Extended French
School Information

* My child is currently attending [Private School or Child Care] * Specify

OEN (Ontario Education Number as on the Student Report Card)

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Result of random selection process

By March 2, 2018, we will send confirmation by email of:

placement into the Grade 1 FI program

OR

placement on the waitlist

If you applied by the deadline, but did not receive confirmation please call your school after March 2, 2018 to follow up. It is the parents’ responsibility to call the school no later than March 31, 2018.
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