

French Immersion Schools

Elementary FI Schools

Arbour Vista	Guelph	JK-8
Brisbane PS	Erin	JK-6
Centennial Hylands	Shelburne	JK-8
Edward Johnson	Guelph	JK-6
Erin PS	Erin	7-8
FA Hamilton	Guelph	JK-6
Gateway Drive PS	Guelph	JK-3
Guelph Lake PS	Guelph	JK-8
Harris Mill PS	Rockwood	JK-5
JD Hogarth PS	Fergus	3-8
James McQueen	Fergus	JK-2
John McCrae	Guelph	JK-8
King George PS	Guelph	JK-8
Mono-Amaranth	Orangeville	6-8
Paisley Road	Guelph	JK-6
Palmerston PS	Palmerson	JK-8
Parkinson Centennial	Orangeville	JK-3
Princess Elizabeth	Orangeville	JK-5
Rockwood Centennial	Rockwood	6-8
Spencer Avenue	Orangeville	4-6
Victory PS	Guelph	JK-4

Secondary FI Schools

CWDHS	Fergus	9-12
Erin DHS	Erin	9-12
JF Ross CVI	Guelph	9-12
Norwell DSS	Palmerston	9-12

Instruction Time in French

Kindergarten - Grade 2	100%
Grade 3 - Grade 4	80%
Grade 5	75%
Grade 6	70%
Grade 7 - Grade 8	50%
Grade 9 - Grade 12	33% (or 10 credits)

Admission

The French Immersion program begins in Junior Kindergarten (JK), which is the only new entry point into the program.

Admission into the program in subsequent grades may be available to students from other jurisdictions already enrolled in an FI program and is always under the discretion of the principal.

Upper Grand DSB has a defined on-time registration window for JK FI. On-time JK registrants are considered for entry into JK first.

Siblings of students currently enrolled in FI with UGDSB have priority access.

Each school that offers JK FI has a JK FI enrolment cap. There is a selection and waitlist process for students if a school exceeds its enrolment cap.

Additional details on the FI registration, selection and waitlist process and timelines are online at:
www.ugdsb.ca/jkfi

For more information, contact your local FI school.

www.ugdsb.ca

UGDSB's French Immersion Program

Information for
parents & guardians
2021-2022



The French Immersion (FI) Program

FI is an optional program designed to offer students opportunities to acquire a high level of proficiency in French, while maintaining and developing English language skills and knowledge across a variety of subject areas. French is the only language of instruction from JK to Grade 2. FI students begin English instruction in Grade 3 and study in both languages until high school graduation.

A certificate of French Immersion studies is awarded upon successful completion of the program. The FI and English programs follow the same expectations in the Ontario Curriculum (www.edu.gov.on.ca).

Learning French promotes:

- A deeper understanding of various languages and cultures
- Enhanced creativity and problem solving ability
- A facility for learning other languages
- A competitive edge in areas such as business, research, teaching, travel, translation, government, the Canadian Armed Forces
- Enriched travel experiences in Canada and abroad

Registration

FI Kindergarten registration coincides with regular English Kindergarten registration. Parents interested in enrolling their child in the FI program should contact their neighbourhood FI school.

For information on your school location, visit www.findmyschool.ca. Dates for registration and Information Nights are published on the UGDSB website, in local newspapers and on school websites.

Frequently Asked Questions

What if I don't speak French?

It is not necessary for you to speak French for your child to be successful in the FI program. Our French programs are designed for children of non-French speaking parents.

How can I help my child in this program? Parents can play an important role in ensuring their child's success by:

- Showing an interest in their child's progress
- Encouraging their child's efforts
- Reading to their child regularly in English and/or their first language
- Listening to the child read aloud in English and French

- Finding ways to expose their child to French outside of school time, e.g. Borrowing French books from the public library, listening to music by French artists, watching some French TV programs, or visiting French communities
- Communicating your questions, suggestions and concerns with your child's teacher

What if English is not our first language? Evidence indicates that English Language Learners (ELL) enrolled in FI perform as well as their Anglophone counterparts. ELL students who come to FI having already developed literacy in their home language often perform even better than Anglophone students (Canadian Council on Learning, 2007).

What if my child experiences difficulties in the FI program?

Contact your child's teacher for suggestions. Enrichment and remedial assistance may be provided.

What resources are available to me and my child?

- Canadian Parents for French (cpf.ca)
- FSL Homework Toolbox (www.fslhomeworktoolbox.ca)
- TFO (www.tfo.org/en)