



## French Immersion Kindergarten Program

# REGISTRATION INFORMATION

### Questions and Answers for Parents/Guardians

The Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board offers a vibrant French Immersion and Core French Program for students across the District. To sustain the outstanding programs we offer, at the level of quality we expect, we continue to review our policy for French Immersion and Core French.

Over the past few years, we, along with other school boards, have been faced with a challenge of finding qualified French teachers to instruct and facilitate our French programs. We continue to actively recruit, but in the meantime, we have decided to institute a cap for our Kindergarten registration in French Immersion. Spots are limited. Register now!

It is imperative that you register within the registration period to be considered for the French Immersion Program. The registration is now open and will close, February 26, 2021. If you have a child already enrolled in the French Immersion program within our Board, then your other child(ren) will be offered a spot in the program IF YOU REGISTER within the registration period.

Please review these questions and answers as you complete your registration for French Immersion programming for September 2021.

#### **WHAT IF I HAVE A CHILD ALREADY IN THE FRENCH IMMERSION PROGRAM, WILL MY OTHER CHILDREN BE CONSIDERED AUTOMATICALLY FOR ENROLMENT IN THE FRENCH IMMERSION PROGRAM?**

Yes, but ONLY if you register within the registration period to be considered and offered a spot in the French Immersion program. PLEASE REGISTER BEFORE FEBRUARY 26, 2021. Automatic acceptance is not guaranteed after this date.

## HOW IS THE CAP DETERMINED? HOW MANY SPOTS ARE THERE?

Each of the 5 Dual Track Schools, offering French Immersion, will have a different number of spots available depending on the current enrolment, students staying in the program from Year 1 to Year 2, and number of classes offered at schools. The Board will determine the caps each year. Please register before February 26, 2021 to be considered for one of the open spots.

## HOW IS IT DECIDED WHO IS OFFERED A SPOT IN THE FRENCH IMMERSION PROGRAM?

Registration for the French Immersion Kindergarten Program is open from January 4, 2021 to February 26, 2021. Admission into the Program follows our [Admissions of Students – 200.14 policy](#). The policy includes provisions for Non-Catholic, Out of Boundary and Out of Jurisdiction students. As spots are limited, completed registrations that fall within the guidelines of our Admission of Students policy and are submitted within the registration period, are considered on a first-come-first-serve basis. Students not offered a spot in the program will be placed on a Wait List.

## IS THERE A WAIT LIST AND HOW DOES IT WORK?

A Wait List is established if the French Immersion Kindergarten Program class is full. If families are not offered a spot in the class, but are still interested in the Program, their child is placed on the Wait List. If spots in the class become available (i.e. families move, withdraw their application) families on the Wait List are offered a spot. The Wait List is created, within the parameters of our Admission of Students Policy and in the order of receipt of completed applications.

## HOW WILL I FIND OUT IF MY CHILD IS ACCEPTED INTO THE FRENCH IMMERSION PROGRAM?

In March, school secretaries will notify families that they have been offered a spot in the French Immersion Program OR that they have been placed on the Wait List.

Families who are placed on the Wait List will automatically be registered at their home school in the English Kindergarten Program and will be asked to confirm their intent to attend.

## IS TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED FOR MY CHILD ENROLLED IN A FRENCH IMMERSION PROGRAM NOT OFFERED AT MY HOME SCHOOL? (MEANING YOUR CHILD IS ATTENDING A PROGRAM AT A SCHOOL THAT IS CONSIDERED 'OUT OF BOUNDARY')

Yes, transportation will be provided for students meeting the Board's eligibility requirements as per the [Transportation of Students Policy 400.19](#). Courtesy transportation to a French Immersion site may be provided to siblings, not enrolled in the French Immersion Program, if all the conditions of Courtesy Transportation, as detailed in [Student Transportation Services Policy #017](#) are met. Courtesy transportation is not guaranteed and is reviewed annually.

Thank you for your interest in registering your child in our quality French programming offered at Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board.

### For more information...

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