

French Programs at Secondary School**Q1: What are the French programs available at the secondary level?**

- The TDSB offers a certificate to all students who successfully complete the Core French, Extended French (EF) and French Immersion (FI) programs. Below you will find the descriptions of those certificates.
- Core French: Students who complete all 4 credits (Grades 9-12) in Core French qualify for a Certificate of Achievement in Core French. Most secondary schools offer Core French through Grade 12. Students who complete all 4 FSF (Core French) credits receive the Certificate of Achievement in Core French with their Ontario Secondary Schools Diploma.
- Extended French: To qualify for the Certificate of Bilingual Studies (Extended French) students must complete 7 credits in French (4 credits in Extended French and 3 credits in subject courses where French is the language of instruction). Students completing 8 or more credits in French qualify for an Honours Certificate of Bilingual Studies (Extended French).
- French Immersion: To qualify for the Certificate of Bilingual Studies (French Immersion) students must complete 10 credits in French (4 credits in French Immersion and 6 credits in subject courses where French is the language of instruction). Students completing 11 or more credits in French qualify for an Honours Certificate of Bilingual Studies (French Immersion).

Q2: Do I need to take Core French in high school?

- Yes. All students must complete 1 FSL credit at the secondary level to complete the requirements of the Ontario Secondary Schools Diploma. Usually, this credit is taken in Grade 9.
- There is a beginner French credit for any student who does not have the 600 hours of instruction in French at the elementary level.
- Many schools offer Core French through Grade 12

Q3: Can I substitute anything for the Core French credit?

- Students may take a First Nations language for credit at the secondary level in place of Core French and that will satisfy the requirement for the Ontario Secondary Schools Diploma (OSSD).

Q4: Can I begin French Immersion/Extended French at Grade 9?

- No. Students who will continue French Immersion or Extended French at secondary school began in either Kindergarten, Grade 4 or Grade 7. There is no entry to French Immersion or Extended French at Grade 9.
- Students who complete the elementary Early French Immersion or Extended French program through grade 8 may choose to continue that program at the designated pathway school for French Immersion or Extended French, based on their home address.

Q5: If my child is already in a French immersion program do they have to apply for the secondary program their school feeds to or is it automatic?

- If your child is attending the French Immersion program school that serves your home address, they will flow to the next school on the pathway. Your current school will aid with this process.

Q6: How do I determine my French Immersion/Extended French secondary school?

- Every elementary French Immersion/Extended French school has a designated pathway school for secondary. [Please find pathway information here.](#)

Q7: My child is currently attending a French Immersion/Extended French program 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.

Q8: Can I choose a different secondary school than the one associated with my home address for French Immersion/Extended French?

- If you wish to attend a French Immersion/Extended French secondary school that is not the one associated with your home address, you will need to apply via the [Out-of-Area Admissions Process](#).
- Please note the timelines of the Out-of-Area Admissions process. There is no guarantee of placement via Out-of-Area Admissions.

Q9: What if I am at my elementary French Immersion/Extended French program as an Out-of-Area (formerly Optional Attendance) student?

- If the French Immersion(FI)/Extended French(EF) school you are attending in Grade 8 is not your home FI/EF school by address, you will continue at the FI/EF secondary school for your home address. If you wish to attend an FI/EF secondary school that is not the one associated with your home address, you will need to apply via the [Out-of-Area Admissions Process](#) within the timelines of that process.

Q10: How do I know if I am an out-of-area (formerly optional attendance) student?



- If you have changed home address since your initial placement in French Immersion(FI)/Extended French(EF), you would have been allowed to complete the grade range of your FI/EF school but would be considered “Out-of-Area” to that pathway and you **must** revert to your home school by address at the transition.
 - If you applied to your FI/EF school via the Out-of-Area (formerly Optional Attendance) process in the first place, you are attending your school as an Out-of-Area student. You may complete the grade range of that school but then **must** revert to your home school by address at the transition.
 - Alternatively, you may apply to another secondary school via the [Out-of-Area Admissions Process](#) within the timelines of the application. Please note that there is no guarantee of admission.
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