

**Welcome
to Kindergarten!
French Immersion
Catholic Education
Program**



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Introductions



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Land Acknowledgement



Webster's Fall by Julia Veenstra



Dear Lord,

We ask your blessing on those gathered here this evening.

As our children prepare to begin school,

May confidence be their foundation,

May grace be their guide,

and may hope be their compass toward a bright future.

May our children face each day knowing God is with them.

May tonight be a time to listen, support and encourage each other in joyful anticipation of new opportunities.

We ask for God's guidance on our journey,

That we may work together to serve God and one another.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

FRENCH IMMERSION IN THE HWCDSB

- **The French Immersion Program begins in Year 2 (SK) of the Kindergarten Program.**
- **French is the language of instruction for a minimum of 50% of the day.**
- **English and French are used throughout the day during the inquiry and play-based learning opportunities.**



Entry Procedure

- **Admission into the French Immersion Program shall be at the beginning of September in the Senior Kindergarten (SK) year.**
- **Registration for the program is in February (same time period as regular English Schools)**
- **There will be a Microsoft Form on the school's website to indicate your interest in French Immersion and it will become available on the first day of Kindergarten registration**
- **Parents/guardians who wish their children to receive instruction in French may choose to enroll them in the French Immersion Program.**



❖ **Each French Immersion school has different capacity restrictions for entry into the Kindergarten Year 2 Program**

Registrations received will be time stamped in order to determine order of admission that will be based on:

- **Immediate catchment (In bounds)**
- **Older siblings**
- **French Immersion catchment**





Can my child start French Immersion in Year 1?

How do I register my child?



Click below to access HWCDSB French Immersion Policy and Procedures:

[S.P.02—French Immersion Program](#)

[SP.02—French Immersion Program - Admission Procedures, Guidelines and Transportation](#)



Should space be available, subject to an assessment by the Planning Department in consultation with the Principal, admission of Year 1 Kindergarten students into the French Immersion Program will follow this process:

1. **After February 1st of each year, parents contact the French Immersion School to indicate their interest in having their child in the French Immersion – this year will be via Microsoft Form off the school's website.**
2. **Principals will create a wait list with the name of the parent, phone number, and record the date and time.**
3. **Once all Kindergarten Year 2 students have been accommodated, consideration will be given to the wait list applicants following the procedure below:**
 - i. **Year 1 Kindergarten students who are Catholic and live within the immediate catchment area for students enrolling in the English track of the school;**
 - ii. **Year 1 Kindergarten students who are Catholic and live in the French Immersion catchment area of the school and who already have siblings in French Immersion at the school;**
 - iii. **Year 1 Kindergarten students who are Catholic and live in the French Immersion catchment area who do not have siblings in French Immersion. Transportation to the French Immersion school would be the responsibility of the parents unless there is space on the bus and they apply for empty seat status; and,**
 - iv. **Other (e.g., students out of the French Immersion catchment area, non-Catholic admission [following steps 1 to 3 for priority of entry]).**



Kindergarten Year 1: Register your child at their homeschool. Registration opens the 1st week of February.

After your child is registered at their homeschool, visit the website for the French Immersion school for your area and fill in the Microsoft Form for Kindergarten Year 1.

You will not be guaranteed a spot in Year 1 but by late Summer if space opens up you will be informed.

In your child's Year 1 at their home school, when February registration opens up, that is when you fill in the Microsoft Form from your inbound French Immersion school's website.

There may be wait list restrictions or max capacity – every school has different limitations. You will receive specific information depending on your French Immersion school.

How does my child get to the French Immersion School?

- Transportation is provided (for those outside of walking boundaries) to the French Immersion school from your child's **local/ neighbourhood school** .
- Your child would be picked up from, and dropped off at, the **home school**.
- This is subject to eligibility based on if your primary address is within the designated school's attendance boundary at a distance of **MORE THAN....**





Grade	Distance
Kindergarten	More than 1.2 km
Grade 1 to 8	More than 1.6 km
Grade 9 to 12	More than 3.2 km

Eligibility Guidelines

Click below to access HWCDSB Student Transportation Policy and Procedures

[ST.01 Student Transportation - PROCEDURES](#)

[ST01 Student Transportation](#)



**Transportation
Questions?**

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905-523-2318

Schools that offer French Immersion in the HWCDSB:



**September 2024 offering
Kindergarten Year 2 to Grade 5**



**September 2024
offering Kindergarten Year 2 to
Grade 5**



**September 2024 offering
Kindergarten Year 2 – Grade 8**

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St. Eugene Catholic Elementary School



St. Peter and Paul Catholic Elementary School

**September 2024
offering Kindergarten Year 2 – Grade 8**



A long, brightly lit school hallway with a patterned floor and several doors. The floor is light-colored with a central strip of alternating green and blue squares. The walls are white, and the ceiling has recessed lighting. A large white text overlay is centered in the middle of the hallway.

Feeder Schools



St. Clare of Assisi serves the following Catholic Elementary Schools

Feeder Schools:

- Immaculate Heart of Mary
- Our Lady of Peace
- St. Agnes
- St. Clare of Assisi
- St. Francis Xavier
- St. Gabriel
- St. Martin of Tours



St. Clare Catholic Elementary School
185 Glenashton Dr Stoney Creek, ON , L8G4E7
905-523-2344
<https://stcl.hwcdsb.ca/>



St. Eugene serves the following Catholic Elementary Schools

Feeder Schools:

- Holy Name of Jesus
- Our Lady of the Assumption
- Our Lady of Hope
- St. David
- St. Eugene
- St. James the Apostle
- St. John the Baptist
- St. Luke
- St. Mark
- St. Matthew
- St. Paul



**St. Eugene Catholic Elementary School 120 Parkdale
Ave. S Hamilton, ON, L9K3P3
905-545-9598**

<https://steu.hwcdsb.ca/>



St. Joseph serves the following Catholic Elementary Schools

Feeder Schools:

- Canadian Martyrs
- Guardian Angels
- Our Lady of Mount Carmel
- St. Ann, Hamilton
- St. Augustine
- St. Bernadette
- St. Joseph
- St. Lawrence
- St. Patrick
- St. Thomas the Apostle



St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School
270 Locke St S Hamilton, ON , L8P4C1
905-529-1002
<https://stjs.hwcdsb.ca/>



St. Vincent de Paul serves the following Catholic Elementary Schools

Feeder Schools:

- Holy Name of Mary
- Immaculate Conception
- Regina Mundi
- St. Ann, Ancaster
- St. Joachim
- St. Teresa of Avila
- St. Thérèse de Lisieux
- St. Vincent de Paul



St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Elementary School
295 Greencedar Dr Hamilton, ON , L9C7M9
905-385-3734

<https://stvp.hwcdsb.ca/>



Sts. Peter and Paul serves the following Catholic Elementary Schools

Feeder Schools:

- Annunciation of our Lord
- Blessed Sacrament
- Corpus Christi
- Our Lady of Lourdes
- Sacred Heart
- St. Anthony Daniel
- Sts. Peter and Paul
- St. John Paul II
- St. Kateri Tekakwitha
- St. Margaret Mary
- St. Marguerite D'Youville
- St. Michael
- St. Teresa of Calcutta



**Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Elementary School 49 Fennell
Ave E Hamilton, ON, L9A1R5
905-383-4911
<https://stpp.hwcdsb.ca/>**



Cathedral High School is the HWCDSB
French Immersion Secondary School

How do I register my child?

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Online Registration Parent Process

Outlined below is the process to access the Online Registration web page and create an account to register a student who is new to the Hamilton Wentworth Catholic District School Board (HWCDsb).

ACCESSING THE ONLINE REGISTRATION SITE

Use the following method to access the Online Registration form:

Method 1:

1. Navigate to the HWCDsb home page ([URL:https://www.hwcdsb.ca](https://www.hwcdsb.ca))
2. Click on: **Register**
3. Choose either: **Kindergarten**, **Elementary** or **Secondary Registration**



Method 2:

Go directly to the Online Registration Login page by typing the URL: <https://hwcdsb.myontarioedu.ca/>

Click [here](#) for parent process

Necessary documents for registration:

- Birth certificate
- Baptismal certificate
- Proof of residency
- Immigration documentation, where necessary.

Full registration information available at:

https://www.hwcdsb.ca/school_life/school/registration

Provide all information requested. Once your request is approved by the Principal, the school secretary will call to make arrangements for registration.



Immunizations

Parents/guardians must contact Public Health Hamilton to advise of your child's immunizations:

- Date
- Type of vaccine
- Name of administering physician

Contact your family physician to obtain the list of vaccinations and report to Public Health

Visit: <https://www.hamilton.ca/people-programs/public-health/vaccines-immunizations>



Report your child's vaccines to Public Health


Provide a copy of your child's yellow immunization card or a record from their doctor by:

- **Fax:** [905-546-4841](tel:905-546-4841)
- **Mail:** City of Hamilton, Public Health Services, Vaccine Program, P.O. Box 897, Hamilton, Ontario, L8N 3P6
- **Phone:** [905-540-5250](tel:905-540-5250) - have your child's vaccine dates and health card number ready

[Online Vaccine Reporting Tool](#) ↗

Vaccines are a safe way to protect people against many infections or diseases such as tetanus, diphtheria, polio, measles, mumps and rubella.

The Kindergarten Program in our Catholic Context

 Ontario Catholic School Kindergarten Program

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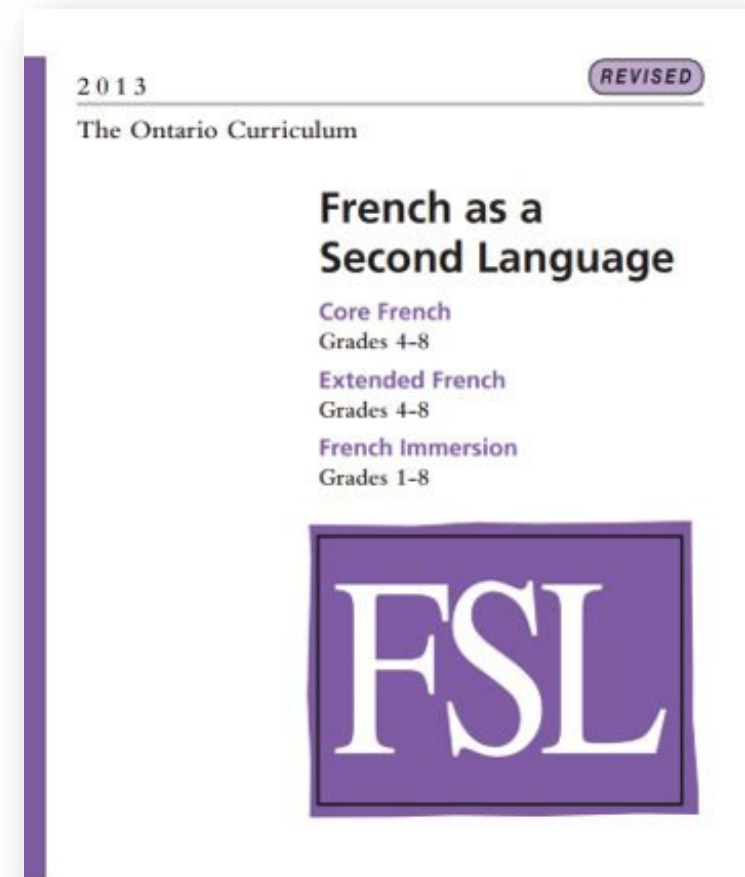


Literacy and Numeracy in English and French are embedded across the Kindergarten Program.



French Instruction Subjects Grades 1 - 8

- **French Literacy**
- **Visual Arts**
- **Health and Physical Education**
- **Science**
- **Social Studies**
- **History/Geography (7/8)**



Frequently Asked Questions





What if we don't speak French?

- **The French Immersion Program is designed to allow students to acquire the French language without parents/guardians needing to be fluent in the French language.**
- **Most students do not speak French at home**
- **All communication from the school is in English**
- **Report cards are in English**



How can I support my child at home?

- Read to your child at home in English and/or home language.
- Spend time reviewing French activities completed by your child at home.
- Create a vocabulary rich home by posting words in both English and French on common items (e.g., stove, door, chair, etc.)
- Borrow/access French resources from the public library, videos, music, books, magazines, or build a personal collection.
- Watch French channels on YouTube.
- Watch French cartoons and movies.
- Listen to French radio.
- Check out French Street.ca for a list of events, programs, and resources in French: <http://www.frenchstreet.ca/en/>
- Join the local chapter of Canadian Parents for French: <http://on.cpf.ca/>
- Join Idello educational website: <https://www.idello.org/en>



FSL Homework Toolbox

<http://www.fslhomeworktoolbox.ca/>



- Idello
- <https://www.idello.org/en>

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Canadian Parents for French

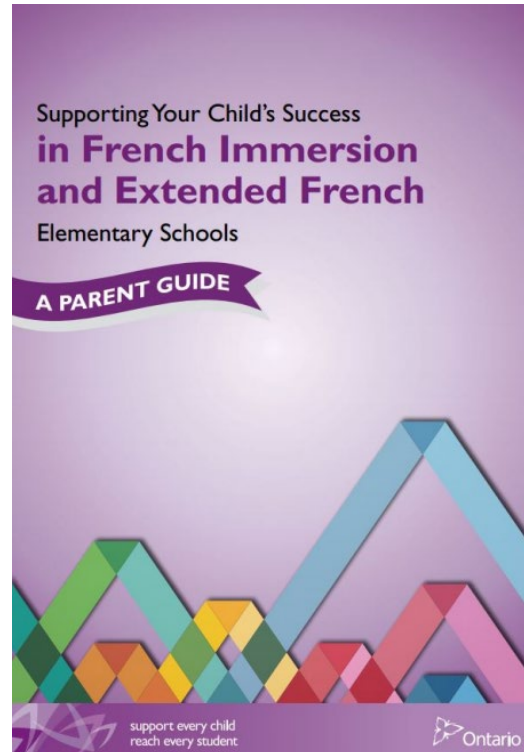
<http://www.cpf.ca/>





Ministry of Education Resources for Parents

<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/literacynumeracy/parentguidefrench.pdf>



Will my child learn the same curriculum as students in the English program?

- Religion is taught in English from the Ontario Catholic Elementary Curriculum
- Science, Social studies, History, Geography, Health and Physical Education and Visual Arts, use the same provincial curriculum as the English track but are taught in French;
- Mathematics, which is taught in English, follows the Ministry's Mathematics curriculum;





Is Kindergarten FI an everyday, all-day program?

- Yes!
- The Kindergarten French Immersion is a **full day, everyday** program.







Entry Procedures

Entry procedures will be communicated by your school closer to the start of the school year.



School Uniforms:



St. Eugene	St. Joseph	St. Clare of Assisi	St. Vincent de Paul	Sts. Peter and Paul
<p>JML UNIFORMS: 95 Parkdale Ave N, Hamilton 905-544-1608</p>	<p>R. J. McCarthy : 125 Nebo Road, Hamilton, 905-318-2901</p>	<p>R. J. McCarthy : 125 Nebo Road, Hamilton, 905-318-2901</p>	<p>R. J. McCarthy: 125 Nebo Road, Hamilton, 905-318- 2901</p>	<p>R. J. McCarthy: 125 Nebo Road, Hamilton, 905-318- 2901</p>
				

Students are to wear:

- casual style twill pant in navy (Dockers style), skirt, skort or jumper
- white or navy collared short or long sleeve polo shirt; turtlenecks are also permitted.
- shirts should be crested; crests can be purchased in the school's main office and sewn on to clothing items, if desired.



For more information, please visit:

<https://www.hwcdsb.ca/school-life/languages/french-immersion>

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Overview of the Early French Immersion Program

The French Immersion Program begins in Kindergarten Year 2 and continues until the end of Grade 12.

The Early French Immersion program is offered at St. Eugene, St. Joseph, and Sts. Peter and Paul, St. Clare of Assisi and St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Elementary Schools.

The Secondary French Immersion Program is offered at Cathedral High School.

*St. Clare of Assisi and St. Vincent de Paul began offering Kindergarten Year 2 and grade 1 in September 2020. They will offer the next grade each consecutive year.



1. Select the **School Life** tab
2. Click **French Immersion**.



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Catholic Child Care Centres

Child Care at many of our school buildings is available through the Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic Child Care Centers (HWCCCC).

For contacts and further detail please click the link below:

<https://www.hwcdsb.ca/cms/one.aspxportalId=370250&pageId=380956>

Questions?

