



# REGISTRATION INFORMATION

## French Immersion Program (\*New 2025)

The Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board offers a vibrant French Immersion and Core French Program for students across the District. For the next school year, the BHNCDSB is changing the French Immersion Program for Kindergarten students. This change includes current Year 1 (JK) students moving to Year 2 (SK), as well as newly registering students in French Immersion Kindergarten program. We will NO LONGER be offering full French Immersion(FI) in Kindergarten. French Immersion will begin in Grade 1 at the five dual track schools.

Student success is our top priority for your children entering our Catholic School system for the first time. By offering our students a strong foundational start in English literacy, children will have the opportunity to develop their sense of belonging and self-regulation skills in addition to oral language skills, and letter and sound knowledge. As we make this shift, you will indicate your interest in Grade 1 French Immersion when registering your child for Year 1 Kindergarten at the dual track school during this registration period. This will provide a seamless transition to the Grade 1 FI program. Opportunities for French learning and cultural experiences, including songs and simple vocabulary, will be introduced. Please note, we have a cap for registration. Spots are limited, so register early. 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 2025.

## **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 21, 2025. 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. Please register before February 21, 2025, 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 Program is open from January 6, 2025, to February 21, 2025. 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. 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 who are 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. Please note, French Immersion does not begin until Grade 1. 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.

We are excited to offer the French Immersion program starting in Grade 1.

## **FOR MORE INFORMATION....**

For more information about the French immersion kindergarten program or to register your child, visit [catholiceducation.ca](http://catholiceducation.ca)