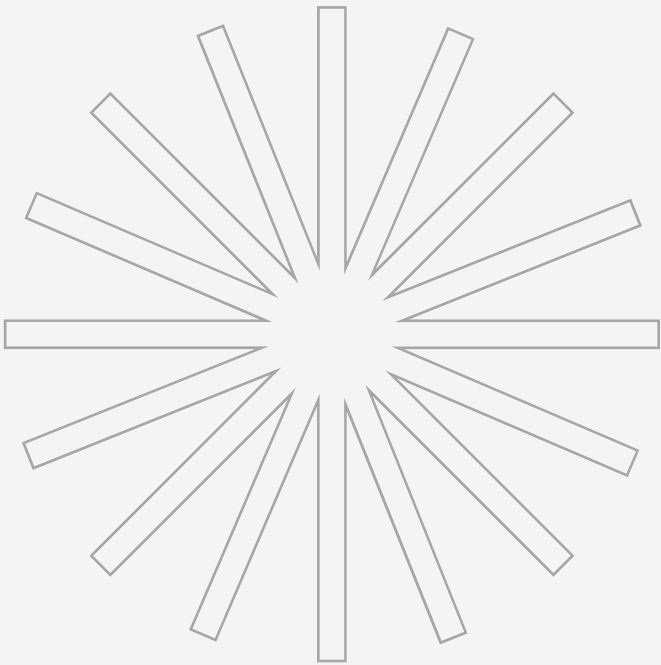


FAQs

Extended French Program



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What is the difference between the French Immersion and the Extended French Program?

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The entry point for the Extended French Program is Grade 5. Whereas, the entry point for French Immersion is Grade 1.

Q

Is it important for a student to be relatively fluent in French to apply for the Extended French Program?

A

No, a student does not need to be fluent in French. They simply need to be interested in learning the French language.

Q

What are the benefits for a student who is enrolled in the Extended French Program?

A

- Some of the benefits are:
- Developing higher thinking, reasoning, creative thinking strategies
 - Strengthening of first language skills as students practise literacy twice as often everyday.

Q

How many spaces are available for a Grade 5 Extended French?

A

There are 27 seats per class and the number of classes will be determined at the board level.

Q

Where do we submit the application? In person or by email?

A

All applications are submitted online. The link will be posted on the board website under the Extended French webpage once the application link opens.

Q

Do all students in the Extended French Program receive transportation?

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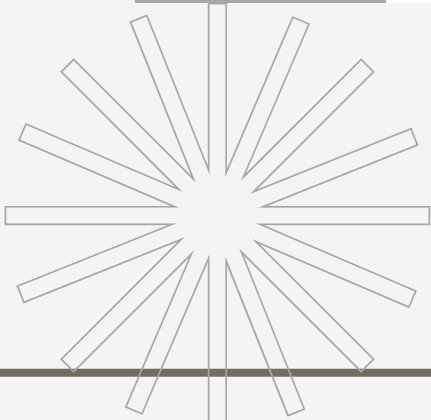
Transportation is based on the home address and the distance to the Extended French school. There are also distance requirements depending on the grade. Often times when students change grades, the distance requirements also change. Visit the STOPR website, or the Wellington-Dufferin student transportation services, (Dufferin and Caledon) to check eligibility

Q

If a student’s home school already has an Extended French Program, does the student need to be registered again at the school?

A

No, they do not need to be registered at the school; however, parent(s)/guardian(s) must still submit an application for the Extended French Program.



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If a student is currently enrolled in a French Immersion Program, can they apply to the Extended French Program?

A

Yes, parent(s)/guardian(s) can submit an application to the Extended French Program. However, students entering Extended French in Grade 5 have received significantly less hours in French instruction than students in French Immersion, and will therefore be less proficient in French communication than a student coming from Grade 4 French Immersion.

Q

If a student has a sibling at another school who will not be attending the Extended French Program, can the sibling attend the same school?

A

The sibling must stay at their home school. However, parent(s)/guardian(s) can always speak to the principal about a flex boundary option. These are reviewed on a case by case basis and cannot be guaranteed.

Q

What is the criteria to determine whether a school based random selection will occur?

A

A school based random selection is based on the number of applicants. If the number of applicants is higher than the number of seats available, the school will proceed with a random selection.

Q

What if there is a random selection and a student does not get selected?

A

If there is a random selection and a student does not get selected, they will be placed on a waitlist at the school level.

Q

How long can a student be on a waitlist?

A

A student will remain on a waitlist until the November progress report date, and may receive placement if another student leaves the program.

Q

When do parent(s)/guardian(s) find out if there's a second class?

A

After the application process has been completed, and if a second class has been approved, it will be communicated to the school principal.

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If a student is attending Grade 4 at a school with Extended French on a flex boundary, can they apply for the Extended French Program at their current school?

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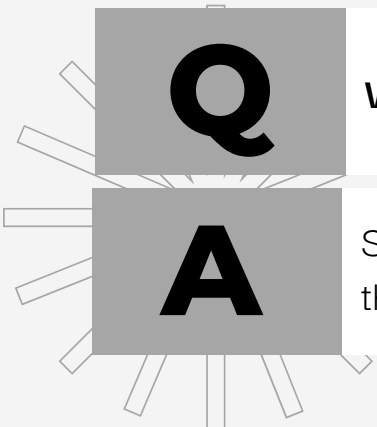
Applications are based on the school associated with your address. Please speak with the school principal regarding flex boundary.

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What time does school start at an Extended French school?

A

Start times vary from one school to another. Please contact the school directly to find out about their school start time.



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If a student is not doing well in the program, are they able to transfer out after a certain amount of time?

A

Yes, they can always transfer out of the program, however they will return to their home school.

Q

Is Extended French and French Immersion the same at the secondary school level?

A

No, Extended French and French Immersion are not the same at the secondary school level. In Extended French students must complete 7 French credits and in French Immersion, they must complete 10 French Credits.

Q

If a student is currently in the Extended French Program in grade 8, do they have to apply to the Extended Program at the secondary school?

A

No, a student does not need to apply to the secondary school with the Extended French Program and may apply to the secondary school for which their home school feeds into.

Q

If a student withdraws from an Extended French Program in Grade 10 or 11, is the student still eligible to be certified as bilingual?

A

No, students are not certified as bilingual; however, they will receive a Certificate of Completion only if they complete Extended French in Grade 12.

Q

If a student attends Extended French in Grades 5-8, can they switch to French Immersion in secondary school?

A

No, a student in Extended French cannot switch to the French Immersion in secondary school as they would not have the required number of hours for the French Immersion Program by the end of grade 8. For the Extended French Program, a student has to accumulate a total of 1900 hours of French and 3800 hours for French Immersion by the end of grade 8.

Q

If a parent/guardian does not speak French, where can they access French language supports to help their child?

A

Please visit the website called [Canadian Parents for French](#) as they offer a variety of resources to help FSL students and parent(s)/guardian(s).

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Are there any recommended external summer programs to support students with their transition into the programs in September?

A

There are some programs that parent(s)/guardian(s) can explore such as the [Canadian Parents for French](#) website and Camp Tournesol.

