

**PROGRAM****DESCRIPTION**

In Grades 5 through 8, students are taught French as a Second Language and French serves as a language of instruction in at least one other subject area. Schools aim to provide 50 percent of instruction in French in each grade. The program in Grades 9 to 12 allows students to earn 7 EFSL credits towards their Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD). Upon completion of these seven credits students are awarded an Extended French Certificate.

**ELEMENTARY PROGRAM:**

In Grades 5 through 8, subjects taught in French may include:

- French Language Arts
- Social Studies, History, Geography
- Two of: Health and Physical Education, Visual Arts, Dance, Drama, or Music

**SECONDARY PROGRAM:**

Four Extended French credits are available in Grades 9 to 12. Three additional credits are offered where French is the language of instruction, as listed below:

- Gr. 9 Canadian and World Studies (Géographie)
- Gr. 10 Canadian and World Studies (Histoire)
- Gr. 11 Senior course to be determined by the Principal

**PROGRAM OUTCOMES**

Students who graduate from this program:

- can participate in French language conversation;
- can read and write with the occasional use of a dictionary;
- can understand radio and television news, and other programs that are of personal interest;
- can better understand the culture, society, customs, economy, government and institutions of a French-speaking community;
- can function in a French community after a few months residence

**TRANSPORTATION**

1. Limited bus pick up points are available for students in the Collingwood, Bradford, Orillia and Midland-Penetanguishene areas. This opportunity is provided when there is sufficient space on the bus within the board's bus loading policies. In some of these areas, commuter buses have been established under Policy 4115 for EFSL students to transport them from the secondary schools to the location of the EFSL program. Please contact your child's designated EFSL host school for further information about bus pick up points within the previously mentioned areas.
2. Transportation beyond the above provisions is the responsibility of parents/guardians.

**REGISTRATION**

Available to all students, registration for the Extended French as a Second Language program is based on a first-come, first-served basis. The entry point for our EFSL program is Grade 5. Students are expected to attend their designated EFSL host school. Out-of-attendance area requests will be considered in accordance with Board Policy 2317.

**INFORMATION MEETINGS**

Meetings will be held in January 2012 at the Extended French as a Second Language host schools to provide information about the program to interested parents and students. Please refer to the following list of meeting dates and start times.

Admiral Collingwood E.S.	Thurs. January 12	6:30pm
Alliston Union P.S.	Thurs. January 19	7:00pm
Forest Hill P.S.	Mon. January 16	6:00pm
Goodfellow P.S.	Thurs. January 19	6:30pm
Mundy's Bay P.S.	Wed. January 11	6:00pm
Hillcrest P.S.	Thurs. January 19	7:00pm
Regent Park P.S.	Wed. January 11	6:30pm
Warnica P.S.	Tue. January 17	7:00pm
W.H. Day E.S.	Mon. January 16	7:00pm

**WHO WILL BENEFIT FROM THE E.F.S.L. PROGRAM ?**

A positive experience in the EFSL program is more likely when a student:

- is motivated and eager to participate in the EFSL program
- is experiencing success in the Grade 4 Core French program
- demonstrates a positive approach when responding to challenging tasks
- possesses sound learning skills and work habits.

For further information please contact your child's Core French teacher, the classroom teacher, and the principal of your designated EFSL host school.

**HOW CAN PARENTS HELP?**

Parents of students in the Extended French as a Second Language program can best support their children by:

- providing a literacy-rich environment at home
- providing positive support and encouragement
- fostering good learning skills and work habits
- maintaining regular contact with the school and the EFSL teacher
- providing French resources to foster interest in French (books, music, T.V.)
- planning for French experiences at special events.

The following is a link to the Ministry website:  
<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/curriculum/elementary/fsl.html>

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Will my child follow the same curriculum that he/she would follow in English?

As with the English language program, all program and course materials are based on The Ontario Curriculum policy documents. The Extended French as a Second Language program provides a balanced literacy program in all subject areas based on curriculum expectations.

2. How can I obtain more information about this program?

Information meetings are held at host schools. Letters are sent to parents/guardians of Grade 4 students with times and dates for these meetings.

3. Should I enroll my child if no one at home speaks French?

The program is designed for children of non French-speaking parents. All communication (newsletters, report cards, interviews) between the school and home are conducted in English.

4. Are special education supports available to children in this program?

Special education programs and services are available to EFSL students. These supports are delivered in English.

5. Why start in Grade 5?

Generally, children at age ten:

- have already learned to read and write in English;
- have had one year of Core FSL, are familiar with the sound of the language, have acquired some French vocabulary, and will have an interest in the Extended French as a Second Language program;
- can provide input into the decision to enroll;
- can work independently from time to time.

6. How can a new elementary class be started?

Decisions to initiate new classes are based on parental requests; a minimum of 24 students is required. When this enrolment is confirmed, a new class is considered as long as classroom space and a qualified FSL teacher are available.

## EXTENDED FRENCH PROGRAMS ARE OFFERED AT THE FOLLOWING SITES:

### ELEMENTARY

Admiral Collingwood Elementary  
15 Dey Drive Collingwood  
L9Y 4N9 (705) 445-0811

Alliston Union Public School  
25 Albert Street Alliston  
L9R 1H2 (705) 435-7391

Forest Hill Public School  
16 Doran Road Midhurst  
L0L 1X0 (705) 721-8300

Goodfellow Public School  
827 9<sup>th</sup> Line Stroud  
L9S 1A6 (705) 436-3600

Mundy's Bay Public School  
340 Sixth Street Midland  
L4R 3Y4 (705) 526-2091

Hillcrest Public School  
184 Toronto Street Barrie  
L4N 1V5 (705) 728-5246

Regent Park Public School  
485 Regent Street Orillia  
L3V 4E2 (705) 326-7481

W.H. Day Elementary School  
410 Maple Grove Avenue Bradford  
L3Z 2K7 (905) 775-9691

Warnica Public School  
211 Warnica Road Barrie  
L4N 3Z2 (705) 722-3000

### SECONDARY

Banting Memorial High School  
203 Victoria Street, East Alliston  
L9R 1W7 (705) 435-6288

Barrie Central Collegiate Institute  
125 Dunlop Street, West Barrie  
L4N 1A9 (705) 726-1846

Bradford District High School  
70 Professor Day Bradford  
L3Z 2A3 (905) 775-2262

Collingwood Collegiate Institute  
6 Cameron Street Collingwood  
L9Y 2J2 (705) 445-3161

Eastview Secondary School  
421 Grove Street East Barrie  
L4M 5S1 (705) 728-1321

Nantyr Shores Secondary School  
1146 Anna Maria Ave. Innisfil  
L9S 1W2 (705) 431-5950

Penetanguishene Secondary School  
51 Dunlop Street Penetanguishene  
L9M 1J3 (705) 549-7446

Twin Lakes Secondary School  
381 Birch Street Orillia  
L3V 2P5 (705) 325-1318



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