

Cosburn Middle School Intensive Extended French Program FAQs

1. What are the characteristics of a successful Cosburn Intensive Extended French Student?

- Students should be hard workers with a passion for learning and problem-solving
- Students should enjoy being challenged intellectually and be receptive to constructive feedback
- They should be responsible students who are able to adapt to a challenging environment
- Students should be dedicated to completing projects and assignments on time and with care
- They should be committed to arriving at school on time, and being prepared for class
- Students should demonstrate a high level of motivation to succeed
- Students should enjoy French and have a desire to learn it

2. What is required?

- The application form, a copy of the Grade 5 Progress Report, and a copy of the Grade 5 Term 1 Report Card are required for the application process.

3. May I register my child for the program and change my mind later?

- Parents are always welcome to change their mind, but we ask that you consider others who may be turned down due to your indecision. If you are unsure about applying, maybe not applying is the right decision.

4. May I wait until after registration to sign up my child?

- Once the classes have been selected, we will not be accepting any registrations
- Application are due by **Friday March 3, 2017 at 4:00 pm**

5. What if my child is unsuccessful in the Intensive Extended French program?

- Every resource available will be applied to foster success within this program. We have an extremely dedicated staff that works intensely towards maximizing French proficiency. If a child is not successful in the program with all the help available, then they will return to their home school.
- Students who are accepted to the Late French program will not be admitted to our English program if unsuccessful unless Cosburn is their Home school.

6. How do students in the Intensive Extended French acquire French language skills?

- The process of acquiring French proficiency is truly a three year process. The growth and amount of learning that takes place in three years is truly amazing. It is important to recognize that it is a three year cumulative process where students and teachers work intensely. Grade 6 is predominantly getting comfortable listening, speaking, and reading the language. Grade 7 is predominantly using the language to communicate in a variety of forms. Grade 8 is a mastery of the language and using it to express themselves with fluency.

7. What if my child is currently or has previously been in a French Immersion or Extended French Program? Can they qualify for this program?

- No. This program is only for Core French students only who have not previously been enrolled in enriched French programs.

8. What if my child is currently on an IEP? Do they qualify for this program?

- We welcome students with IEPs to apply for the program. We stress that due to the rigours and demands of the program, we ask that parents of all students to take into consideration how their child deals with adversity and a challenging program.

9. Our family does not speak French at home, are we still eligible for this program?

- Many of our students do not come from francophone households. We just ask that parents are willing to cooperate with us as stakeholders in their child's education, and we will do our best to empower your child.

10. How many students will be accepted to the program?

- Our goal is to admit 60 qualified students for the Grade 6 program.

11. Our family is planning a long term vacation during the school year. Will this affect their level of success in the program?

- If you are planning to have an extended absence during the school year at Cosburn, this program is not for you. The intensity and type of learning is based on a three year model that demands consistent participation and exposure to the language. If you are planning an extended vacation or time away from school, this program is not recommended. As with all programs in the TDSB, excessive absence can be detrimental to a child's level of success.

12. What happens if you have more qualified applicants than you have space for?

- When this happens, we place all qualified applicants in a pool and hold a lottery for the spaces available.

13. Why is the Grade 6 Intensive Extended French program not listed on the TDSB website?

- The Intensive Extended French program at Cosburn is a carry-over from the East York Board of Education and only exists at Cosburn Middle School. The program has been in existence for a number of years and has been greatly successful. .

14. Where will students go once they have completed the program?

- The Intensive Extended French students will have the opportunity to continue in Extended French in high school. The current high school pathway for Extended French students is Leaside.

15. Is there an opportunity for parents to meet the teachers prior to applying to the program?

- We will be hosting a Grade 6 Late French parent information session on **Wednesday February 1, 2017 at 7:00 pm in the Cosburn Atrium**. Members of our staff and former students will be available to speak on behalf of this amazing program and respond to any questions that you may have.

16. Is transportation provided to attend this program?

- We do not provide bussing for students. Some students may qualify for TTC tickets if they live more than 3.2km away from Cosburn and **are older than 12**.