

TO: PARENTS/GUARDIANS of CHILDREN in GRADE 5
Cosburn Middle School Intensive Extended French Program (Grade 6-8) 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?**
 - Application Form
 - Copy of Grade 4 Term 2 (June) Report Card
 - Copy of Grade 5 November Progress Report
 - Copy of Grade 5 Term 1 (February) Report Card

- 3. May I register my child for the program and change my mind later?**
 - If you are unsure about applying, this may not be the right decision at this time.

- 4. May I wait until after Registration to sign up my child?**
 - Applications are due by **Friday January 29 at 4:00 pm; if there is space left, then yes!**

- 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, with all the help available, then they will return to their Home School.
 - Students who are accepted to the Intensive Extended 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 in French. Grade 7 is predominantly using the language to communicate in a variety of forms. Grade 8 is a mastery of French while 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. This program is for students who have NOT previously been enrolled in other, enriched French programs.

- 8. What if my child currently has an IEP? Do they qualify for this program?**
 - Yes. We welcome students with IEPs. We stress that due to the rigours and demands of the program, parents should consider how well their child deals with adversity & challenges.

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

- Yes. Still, we ask parents to be willing to cooperate with us as stakeholders in their child's education.

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?

- Yes. The intensity and type of learning is based on a three year model that demands consistent participation and exposure to French. 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 remaining.

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

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

14. Is there an opportunity for parents to learn about the program prior to applying?

- We will be hosting a Grade 6 Late French Immersion parent Information night on **Wednesday January 13, 2021 at 5:30 pm over zoom**.
Register for the Info Night here: <https://forms.gle/9w5XmYZQaFqESMtB8>

15. Is transportation provided to attend this program?

- No. 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**.

TDSB is committed to creating an equitable school system where the achievement and well-being of every student is fostered through rich, culturally authentic learning experiences in diverse, accepting environments where all are included, every voice is heard, and every experience is honoured.

TDSB strives to meet the accommodation needs of persons with disabilities. Applicants are encouraged to make their needs for accommodation known in advance during the application process.