

French Immersion Decision Checklist

YCDSB Grade 1 entry, family fit and transportation

Current YCDSB model

YCDSB French Immersion begins in Grade 1. The board currently describes 85% French instruction in Grades 1-3 and 50% in Grades 4-8, with formal English instruction beginning in Grade 4. Confirm the model for the intake year.

Child and family fit

- ☐ My child is curious about language and can tolerate not understanding every word immediately.
- ☐ We can support routines and reading in our strongest home language.
- ☐ We understand that parents do not need to be fluent in French.
- ☐ We have discussed documented learning or accessibility needs with the school.
- ☐ We can manage the transportation and before- or after-school arrangements.
- ☐ We will review progress using confidence, comprehension, well-being and teacher evidence - not one difficult week.

Application and transportation checks

- ☐ Use the current Grade 1 application page and deadline.
- ☐ Find the designated French Immersion school for the home address.
- ☐ Read the current lottery, sibling and late-application rules.
- ☐ Verify transportation separately. Current thresholds are beyond 1.2 km for Grades 1-3 and beyond 1.6 km for Grades 4-8, within the FI transportation boundary.
- ☐ Confirm the actual centralized stop and daily travel time before accepting a place.

Decision notes

Main benefit for my child

Main concern

Question for the school

Transportation plan

Decision date

Official starting points

<https://www.ycdsb.ca/frenchimmersion/>

<https://www.ycdsb.ca/frenchimmersion/application-forms-elementary/>

<https://www.ycdsb.ca/frenchimmersion/find-your-local-fi-school/>

<https://www.ycdsb.ca/frenchimmersion/transportation/>