



French Immersion Information Session

Viola Desmond P.S.
January 16, 2020

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- Before and After Care
- French as a Second Language (FSL) Programs
- FSL Review and Accommodation Plan
- French Immersion Program & Considerations
- Registration

Viola Desmond PS

- Primary Dual Track (K - Gr. 8 English, Primary FI)
- Home Schools for FI:
 - Viola Desmond, Roberta Bondar, Herbert H. Carnegie
- School day: 9:10 am - 3:40 pm (entry at 8:55 am)
- All students follow the same schedule (e.g., recess, lunch)
- 2018-19 - six Grade 1 FI classes
- 2019-20 - Grade 1 and Grade 2 FI
- Students will attend Romeo Dallaire for Grade 3 to 8

Transportation

- Transportation provided according to Board Policy #680.00 (see Board website).
- Bus stops are located **centrally** so students may be required to walk a few blocks to their bus stop.
- Pick-up times may be earlier or later than students in other schools.
- Visit www.schoolbuscity.com for bus information

Before and After Care



Viola Desmond Children's Centre (an Upper Canada Child Care centre)

violadesmond@ucccc.ca
905-553-1240

Registration Information:

- Please contact centre supervisor.
- Families may be placed on a wait list.
- Space will be confirmed as available.
- A non-refundable family registration fee of \$40, and a security deposit of \$200, are required upon enrollment.
- Registration is finalized when all registration documents are completed and submitted along with applicable fees.
Note: fees may not apply for those qualifying for fee assistance.

Hours of Operation:
Ages Served:

7:00 am-6:30 pm
1.5-12 years
Toddler, Preschool, School Age Programs

French as a Second Language Programs

- YRDSB offers two quality French as a Second Language programs:
 - French Immersion, which starts in Grade 1 and is an optional program
 - Core French, which starts in Grade 4 and is mandatory

French as a Second Language Review

- Goal: *To achieve high quality, sustainable French language instruction in YRDSB*
- Outcomes:
 - *Toolkit to address need for FI spaces and enable long-term accommodation plan*
 - *Consistency of programming*

Please visit www.yrdsb.ca for more information

FI Accommodation Plan

- FI program offered in a variety of settings:
 - Single Track
 - Dual Track
 - Primary Dual Track Gr(s). 1, 1-2, 1-3
- Allows flexibility needed to address local needs across region

French Immersion - Program Overview

- Opportunity to learn French language
- Designed for students whose first language is not French
- Long-term commitment
- Classes taught by teachers trained in second language instruction

French Immersion Curriculum

- Taught standard French
- Grades 1 - 3: taught entirely in French
- Mid-year most Grade 1 students are able to express themselves in French
- Grades 4 - 8: 50% English instruction begins; math taught in English

French Immersion Considerations

- Acquire French oral skills in order to be able to learn **in** French.
- Focus on building French literacy skills to support learning in French.
- For the first few months of Grade 1, children do not acquire skills identical to those learned by children in an English program.

Registration

- FI registration will begin on January 17, 2020 (tomorrow)
- Registration is not first-come, first-served
- You can register between January 17 and February 7, 2020

Current YRDSB Year 2 (SK) Students

- Parents /guardians can visit or call their home school office and request an **Office Index Card**. The Office Index Card must be **signed** by the principal of the home school.
- Bring the **signed index card** and with **one piece of identification showing your home address**, to the Grade 1 FI school.

Non-YRDSB Students

- Families registering students who do not currently attend a YRDSB school will need to complete full registration paperwork at the Grade 1 FI program school.
- Information required for registration is outlined on the YRDSB website.

Late Registrations

- Late registrations are those submitted **after** February 7, 2020.
- Late registrations will be treated on a first-come, first-served basis and considered subsequent to registrations received during the registration period should overflow be necessary.

Preparing for French Immersion

- Welcome to French Immersion Evening for parents and children in the Spring
- Opportunity to engage with staff and for families to visit FI classrooms
- Provide information to help prepare for French Immersion



Questions?