If you have decided to apply for grade 1 French Immersion or grade 7 Extended French, the process to apply for the 2021-22 school year is explained in this presentation.

To apply, visit www.peelschools.org/French
The application process for French Immersion will be done through an online form that will be available on the Peel board website at www.peelschools.org/French on Monday, Nov. 30, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. You must apply online by Friday, Jan. 29, 2021 to be eligible for the random selection process. All late applications are automatically placed on a waitlist. If you do not get email confirmation that your application was received, contact the school immediately.

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Applications submitted after Jan 29, 2021 are automatically placed on a waitlist.

Parents may apply until June 11, 2021.
To access the form, from your web browser, visit www.peelschools.org. From the main page, which is shown on this slide, look under the parents section on the left hand side, which is shaded in green. Then click on the “French Immersion” link which is highlighted by the red box on the slide.
This will bring you to the French Immersion page. On the page you will see two buttons, Apply for Grade 1 French Immersion Application Form and Grade 7 Extended French Application Form. They are highlighted by the red box in the slide. Click on the button that applies to your child.

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This is what a portion of the French Immersion Application page will look like. Overall, the form asks the same information for all applicants. All required fields are marked by asterisks. It is very important to ensure all information you provide is correct. In order to apply online, you must provide a valid email address. We will be using this email address to communicate with you to confirm receipt of your application and to provide updates on your child’s status for placement in the French Immersion program.

If you do not have an email address, you must contact the school for support. A staff member will help you apply using the online application form and we will note that you do not have an email address so that we can communicate with you via other methods. If you have twins (triplets, etc.), a separate application is required for each child.

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This is what a portion of the Extended French Application page will look like. Overall, the form asks the same information for all applicants. All required fields are marked by asterisks. It is very important to ensure all information you provide is correct. In order to apply online, you must provide a valid email address. We will be using this email address to communicate with you to confirm receipt of your application and to provide updates on your child’s status for placement in the program.

If you do not have an email address, you must contact the school for support. A staff member will help you apply using the online application form and we will note that you do not have an email address so that we can communicate with you via other methods. If you have twins (triplets, etc.), a separate application is required for each child.

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Although most of the information required in the form is standard, I would like to draw your attention to the School Information section. As you can see in the slide, there is a line titled “My child is currently attending”. You must select one of options in the dropdown box next to that line.

The options are:

• My child is currently attending a school in the Peel District School Board
• My child is currently attending a private school or child care
• My child is currently attending a school in another Ontario School Board
• My child is currently attending other

In all cases, you will need to identify the home school based on your current address.

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If you select “My child is currently attending a school in the Peel District School Board”, then you will have to select the Peel school your child is currently attending. Students must apply to and, if accepted, attend the French Immersion/Extended French school based on their home address. Flexible boundaries are not available for grade 1 FI. This may also mean that you have to consider your daycare arrangements.

As an example, a kindergarten student who is currently attending a school based on a flexible boundary (the school is not their home school) may continue in the English program at the same school, however they cannot be transferred to the French Immersion program if it exists at that school. They must attend the FI program that is determined based on their home address. Use the school locator tool to identify the home school and French Immersion school based on your address.

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If a student from the Peel District School Board applies, please use the pupil number in your application, which can be found on the Kindergarten Communication of Learning; Initial Observations.

Similarly, for Extended French, the pupil number is available on the Student Report Card.

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If you select “My child is currently attending a school in another Ontario School Board”, then you will have to:
- specify the name of the school board
- enter the child’s pupil number as on the Kindergarten Communication of Learning report/Student Report Card
- select the French Immersion school/Extended French school from the dropdown menu based on your home address.

At the bottom is a link to the Peel board’s School Locator tool.
If you click on the Find your School link, it will bring you to the tool where you enter your address information and then it will tell you which school would be your French Immersion/Extended French school based on your address.

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Lastly, if you select “My child is currently attending a private school” or “child care” or “other”, then you will have to:
- specify the name of the private school or child care or other
- and select the French Immersion/Extended French school from the dropdown menu based on your home address.

Again, use the School Locator tool to determine your French Immersion/Extended French school based on your home address.

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After applying online, call the school if:

- You made an error in completing the online application
- You no longer wish to enrol your child in FI
- Your phone number/email address changes
- Your home address changes
- You do not receive an email confirming receipt of your application for FI or EF

After you apply, please contact our office immediately if there are any changes to the information you submitted in the online application form. Your contact information must always be up-to-date. This ensures you will receive communications as they are sent from the school.
By March 5, we will send a confirmation email of French Immersion random selection results. This email will confirm either a placement in grade 1 FI or placement on the waitlist. If you applied by the deadline, but do not receive confirmation of your child’s place in French Immersion or their place on the waitlist after March 5, 2021 please call your French Immersion school to follow up.

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Students on the waitlist may be offered spaces as they become available. If you are not told by the end the school year in June 2021 that your child has a space in grade 1 French Immersion or grade 7 Extended French, your child will not attend French Immersion.

If you receive an offer for placement in grade 1 FI or grade 7 EF, the school requires an immediate response to hold the place.

Students on the waitlist may be offered spaces as they become available. If you are not told by the end the school year in June 2021 that your child has a space in grade 1 French Immersion/grade 7 Extended French, they will not attend the program. Please ensure your contact information is always up-to-date.

If you receive an offer for placement in grade 1 FI/grade 7 EF by the end of June 2021, the school requires an immediate response to hold the place. If the school does not get a quick response from parents, the space will be offered to the next student on the waitlist.

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First day of school

Tuesday, September 7, 2021

To maintain your space in Fi, you must provide an explanation to the Principal if your child will not attend on the first day of school.

In order to remain in the program, your child must attend school by September 10, 2021.

If you were offered a place in grade 1 French Immersion or grade 7 Extended French, you must provide an explanation to the school if your child won’t attend the first day of school in order to maintain your space. Even with an explanation to the school, in order to remain in the program, your child must attend school by September 10, 2021.

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If your child is accepted into French Immersion/Extended French, you may be eligible for busing. The board determines busing based on the age of the students and the distance from the school. You can visit www.stopr.ca to find out if your child is eligible for busing.

**Busing eligibility**
- grade 1 – 1 km
- grades 2 to 4 – 1.6 km
- grades 5 to 8 – 2 km

To find out if your child qualifies for busing, visit www.stopr.ca.

**Central bus stops**
- bus does not pick up in front of your home
- children walk up to 700m to bus stop

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Learn more
For more information about the FI/EF, to apply and to access resources, visit www.peelschools.org/French

Contact your local FI/EF School if you have any specific questions or would like more info.

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