

Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB)
International Languages Elementary (ILE) – After Hours Program
Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the ILE After Hours program?

- The ILE after hours program offers language classes to students who want to learn another language in addition to English and French.

2. Is English or French offered?

- No. English and French are not offered, as they are Canada's official languages and are part of the day school curriculum.

3. What languages does TCDSB currently offer?

- The languages offered for the 2023-2024 ILE after-hours program are as follows: Arabic, Armenian, Cantonese, Croatian, Filipino, Igbo, Italian, Korean, Mandarin, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish, Tigrinya, and Vietnamese.
- All language classes and locations for 2023-2024 are contingent upon student registration and available staff to teach the classes and/or to supervise the centres.
- All language classes require a minimum of 23 pre-registered students from any division.

4. Can a new language be added?

- There is a possibility that a new language can be added, please contact manuela.sequeira@tcdsb.org for additional information.

5. Who can enroll in the program?

- Students registered in kindergarten to grade 8 in 2023-2024, in an Ontario public or private school.

6. Does the student have to be enrolled in a TCDSB day school to register for the program?

- Although the program is offered by TCDSB, in accordance with the Ministry funding guidelines for this after-hours program, students from other school boards and/or private schools can enroll if they are living in Ontario.
- If the student is enrolled in another Ontario school board, the parent is required to register using the child's Ontario Education Number (OEN).
- If the student attends a private school, or is has a VISA status, an OEN number will be created. However, prior to the creation of an OEN, parents will be asked to submit requested documentation to the ILE Department.

7. How many languages can a student enrol in?

- A student could only enrol in one language per week at the same time.
- A student can enroll in another language ONLY if the language is offered at a different time.

8. If my child attended the program in 2022-2023, do they have to registered for 2023-2024?

- Yes. Registration is a yearly process.

9. What is the cost to enroll in the program?

- \$20.00 program enhancement fee per student.
- The program enhance fee will only be collected via School Cash Online in late October when the student is physically attending the program.

10. What happens if there isn't sufficient enrolment to offer a language class?

- If there is an existing language class at another centre that offers the same language, the student will be reassigned, and the parent will be notified via the email provided during the registration process; or
- If there isn't an existing class, without the required students to open a class, the parent will be notified via the email provided during the registration process.

11. When will parents be notified that the student will be reassigned to another centre, or that there isn't sufficient enrolment at the start of classes to begin a class?

- If the student has been reassigned to a different centre from the one that the parent registered in, or there isn't an existing class at another centre, and/or insufficient enrolment to begin a class on September 30th, the parent will receive notification via email from the ILE Department's secretary by mid-September.

12. What is the schedule for the classes?

- Classes run for 2.5 hours on Saturdays, for a total of 29 sessions per academic year.
- Students are expected to attend all program sessions.

13. Once the student is assigned to a class, who do parents contact for information?

- Once the student is assigned to a class, the first point of contact is the classroom instructor.
- The parent can also reach out to the centre's instructor-in-charge.

14. Does the student receive assessment on the progress in the language class?

- Parents receive two progress reports from their child's instructor.