

INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGE PROGRAM 2018/2019



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International Language Program

‘Current educational research indicates that learning or maintaining a second or third language has a positive effect on all aspects of a child’s educational development.’

The International Languages Program (Elementary) is mandated under the Ministry of Education and is offered by the Hamilton Wentworth Catholic District School Board through the Continuing Education Department.

The focus of the Elementary Program is to offer children an opportunity to develop and/or maintain the ability to listen, speak and write a new language or the language of the home or heritage, and at the same time learn about the culture and heritage associated with the language. The program is offered in addition to the regular school curriculum and enrolment is voluntary.

Eligibility

Any child that is 4 years old as of December 31st, of a new school year, home-schooled, private school or enrolled in an elementary school in Ontario is eligible to participate in this program. No previous knowledge of the language is necessary and children may choose to learn a language that is not of their heritage.

Registration

- Registration takes place **on, or before** the first day of the program. However, this is a continuous entry program and students are accepted throughout the year.
- **The first day of the program is set aside for registrations in order to organize class lists and determine the number of Instructors needed.**
- **Students will be able to attend the class the following week.**
- There are several ways to register for the target language. Please refer to the registration information on this website.
- The form requires your child’s Ontario Education Number, (OEN) which can be found on the left top corner of your child’s report card.
- Children entering Junior Kindergarten must show proof of age if they have not yet been provided with an OEN number.
- Children may enroll in more than one language during the week but may not enroll in the same language more than once a week.
- Classes will only run if there is sufficient enrolment.
- Classes are held once a week (two and one half hours per week) from September to the end of May or beginning of June.

Cost

- There is no charge by the HWCDSB for children attending classes.
- Various communities may choose to ask parents for a donation in order to cover costs of special events, (e.g. class trips, performances, projects).

Safety Precautions

- All caregivers responsible for picking up their child must show the **IL Identification** card that is provided by the International Languages program.
- Caregivers are responsible for providing transportation to and from classes.
- No student is to be dropped off and left unsupervised at the school either before or after the program.
- Caregivers are asked to make arrangements with the instructor if their child is to be released prior to dismissal.
- Caregivers are asked to make arrangements with their child's instructor if their child is to be released to any person other than the child's identified caregivers.
- Due to safety and security reasons, no one other than staff, approved volunteers and children are permitted in the school.

Class Routines

- Have your child at school shortly before classes begin and picked up promptly at dismissal. No student is to be left at school when the school is not under supervision, (either before or after the program).
- Parents are asked to remain outside and wait for the instructors to bring the children to class.
- Attendance and punctuality are very important and expected throughout the entire program,
- Inform your child's instructor should your child be required to be absent from class.

Inclement Weather

The Director of Education may decide to close all schools of the Board in the event of bad weather. This decision will be communicated through the media. All International Language classes operating in the evening will be closed if the regular schools are closed during the day. When Friday evening classes are cancelled due to inclement weather, Saturday morning classes will be automatically cancelled.

Class cancellation will be posted on the ILE website.

If the bad weather occurs on a Saturday morning, a telephone tree will be set up. The Principal of Programs will inform the Supervisors, who will contact the head instructors, who will contact each of their instructors, who will call the parents/guardians.

School closures are always announced on the local radio stations: 900CHML, Fresh 95.3, 102.9 K-Lite FM and CHCH Morning Live.

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For more information
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