



Kindergarten Registration

Information for School Communities
of the OCDSB

for the 2010-2011 School Year



Key Information...



Kindergarten Registration Runs From February 1 – 5, 2010

Registration is easy:

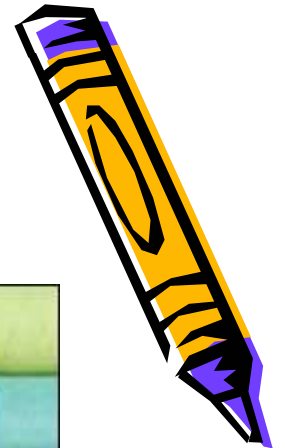
- A) Locate your school using the School Locator on our website.
- B) Bring your child's proof of age, Ontario health card and immunization record.
- C) Visit the school to register.

Our school staff is always there to help you. Drop by your school or visit our website to find more details at www.ocdsb.ca or call 613-721-1820



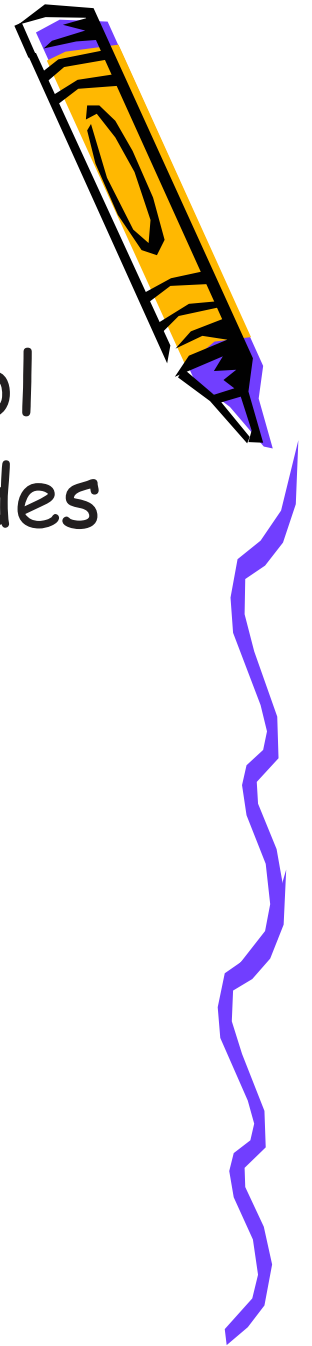
Educating for Success — Inspiring Learning and Building Citizenship.

The Ottawa-Carleton District School Board welcomes all students by providing a wide range of programs, extra-curricular activities, and support services that inspire lifelong learning and individual success.



Welcome to Kindergarten...

The Ottawa-Carleton District School Board's kindergarten program provides children with organized educational activities appropriate for young learners, taking into account their physical, intellectual, social and emotional needs.



Program Options...

If your child will be age four or five by December 31, 2010, they are ready for kindergarten starting in September 2010.

Registration will be accepted anytime during the school year (beyond the February registration period).

Program choices in the OCDSB for elementary students include:

- Regular English;
- Early French Immersion (SK entry);
- Middle French Immersion (grade 4 entry);
- Alternative (available within Greenbelt).

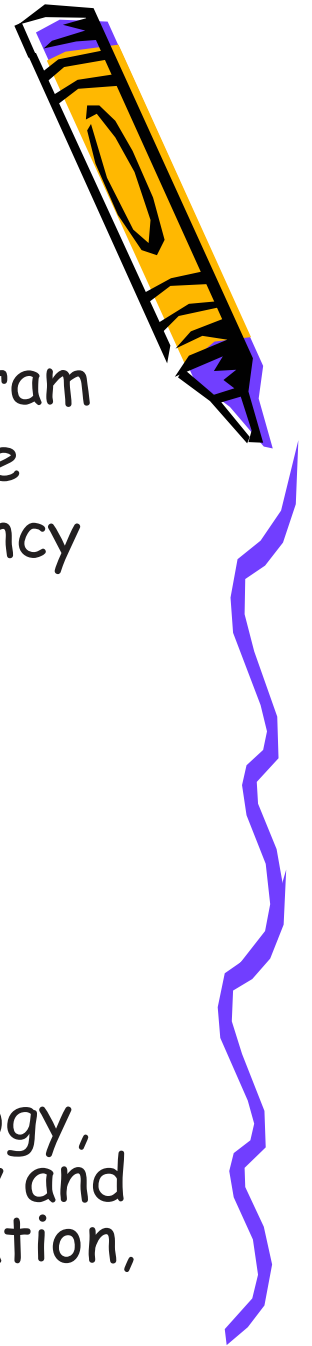
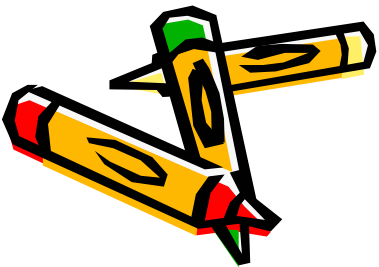


Regular English Program

The regular English program allows students to concentrate on English language skills. The program is available from kindergarten to graduation. The program is child-centered and stresses proficiency in all subject areas.

In this program, English is the language of instruction for all subjects other than French.

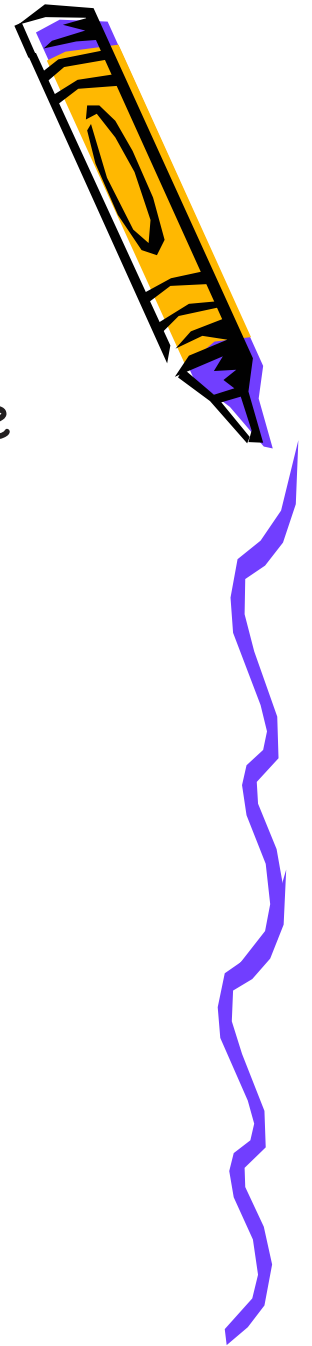
Note: At the elementary level, the subjects taught are: Language, Mathematics, Science and Technology, Social Studies (including Geography and History), Health and Physical Education, The Arts and Core French.



Regular English/Core French

In the regular English program, students receive instruction in Core French:

- 100 minutes per week - JK and SK
- 200 minutes per week - grades 1 to 8

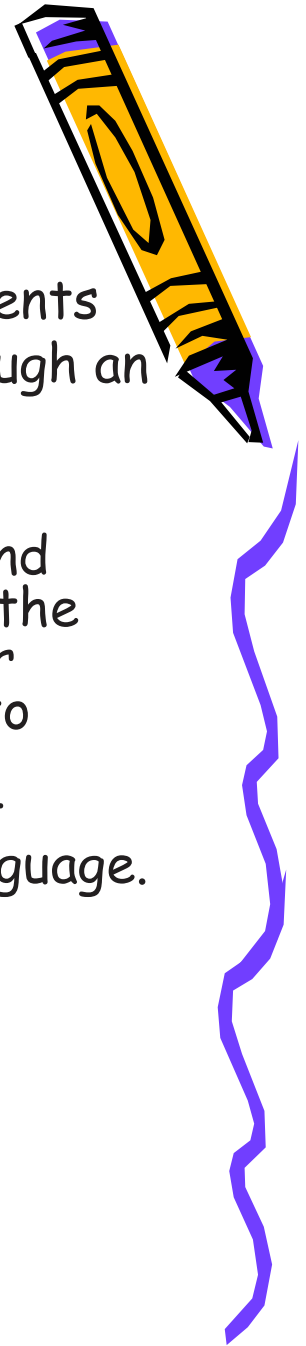


Early French Immersion (EFI)

The Early French Immersion (EFI) program provides students with the opportunity to become functionally bilingual through an early entry with maximum exposure to French.

A student who successfully completes the EFI program, and later enrolls in a secondary level program which meets the requirements to obtain the OCDSB Extended French or French Immersion Certificate, is expected to be able to communicate with ease and feel comfortable in either language community (English or French) and also accept employment, training or further education in either language.

Note: The entry point for EFI is senior kindergarten.



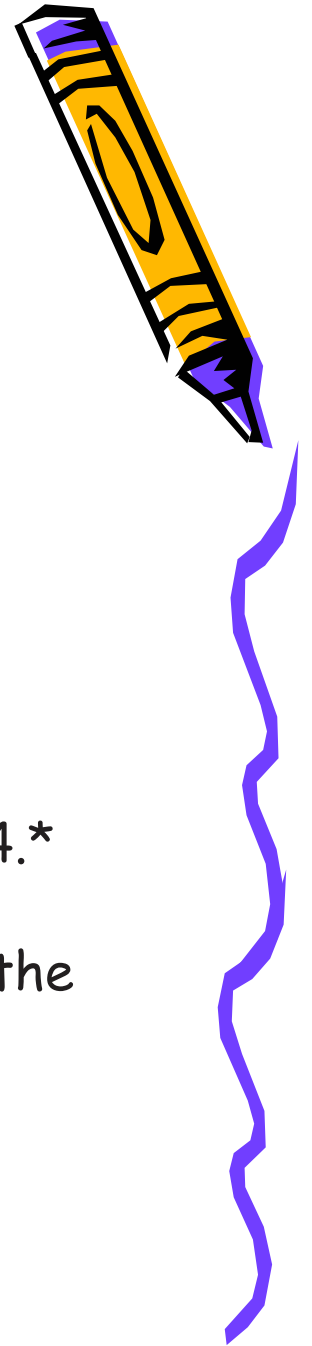
EFI - French/English Instructional Time

In the EFI program, students are provided with:

- 100 minutes per week of Core French - JK
- SK - 100% French
- grade 1 - 100% French
- grades 2 and 3 - 80% French /20% English
- grades 4 to 6 - 60% French /40% English
- grades 7 and 8 - 50% French /50% English

Note: Mathematics instruction in English begins in grade 4.*

* The *OCDSB Elementary Time Allocation Model* outlines the language of instruction and number of minutes of instruction per week in each subject area.



Middle French Immersion (MFI)

The Middle French Immersion (MFI) program provides students with the opportunity to obtain a solid foundation in English language skills in the primary grades before starting intensive study of French.

A student who successfully completes the MFI program, and later enrolls in a secondary level program which meets the requirements to obtain the OCDSB Extended French or French Immersion Certificate, is expected to be able to communicate with ease and feel comfortable in either language community (English or French) and also accept employment, training or further education in either language.

Note: The open entry point for MFI is grade 4.



MFI -French/English Instructional Time



In the MFI program, students are provided with:

- 100 minutes per week of Core French - JK and SK
- 200 minutes per week of Core French - grades 1 to 3
- grades 4 to 6 - 66% French /34% English
- grades 7 and 8 - 50% French /50% English

Note: Mathematics instruction in English begins in grade 4.*

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Alternative Program

In the Alternative Program, English is the language of instruction for all subjects other than Core French.

With strong community support and parent involvement, the Alternative program is based on the concept of student-centred learning. This philosophy translates into all aspects of the child's experience at school.

The alternative education philosophy is based on the following core tenets: cooperation and teamwork; commitment to innovative approaches; balance between student-directed and teacher-directed learning; multi-aged groupings; family-centred school environment; ongoing assessment and evaluation.



Early Learning Program...

Starting in September 2010, the OCDSB will begin phasing in full-day learning for four- and five-year-old kindergarten students.

Fifty classes in 22 of our elementary schools will offer the Early Learning Program (ELP) in September. The list of schools offering the program (all-day kindergarten classes) can be found at www.ocdsb.ca.

The goal is to expand the ELP to all elementary schools by the 2015-2016 school year.



Note: The selected ELP sites will also offer before and after school programs led by registered early childhood educators. These programs are optional and will be available for a reasonable fee.



Transportation...

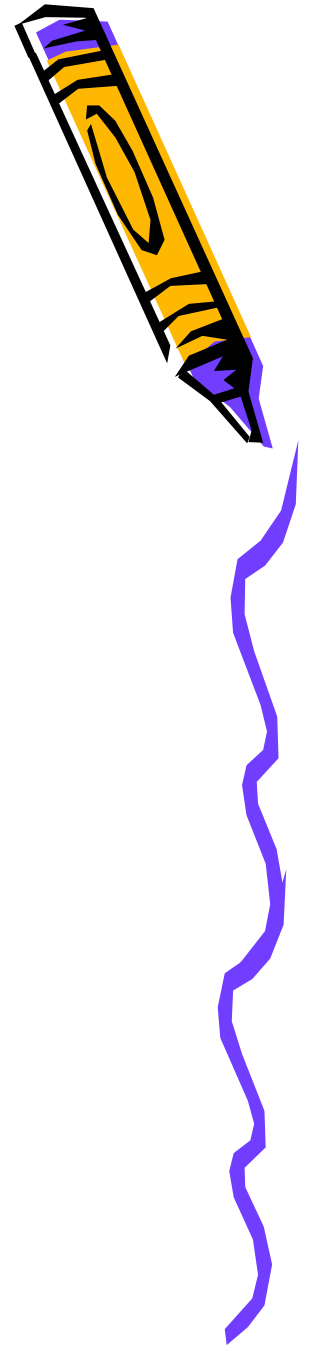
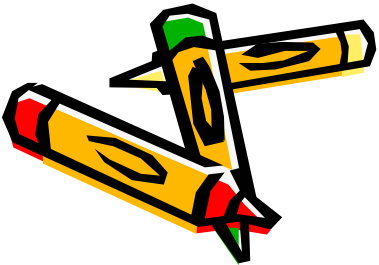
School bus transportation is available to all kindergarten students who live more than 0.8 km from their school.

Information regarding transportation is available at your school or from the Ottawa Student Transportation Authority (OSTA) by phone at 613-224-8800 or by e-mail at admin@ottawaschoolbus.ca.



The Kindergarten program is designed to help children build on their prior knowledge and experiences, form concepts, acquire foundational skills, and form positive attitudes to learning as they begin to develop their goals for life long learning.

The Kindergarten Program - revised, Ontario Ministry of Education,
2006, p. 5



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your child to our kindergarten
program.

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