



Did You Know Our Elementary School Programming is Changing?

In June 2016, after extensive parent, staff, student and public consultation, the Board of Trustees voted to change the delivery model for the early French Immersion (FI) program in the Halton District School Board.

What does this mean for elementary students?

Grade 2 will now be the entry point for the early French Immersion program at 100% intensity; meaning **ALL** subjects will be taught in French. The intensity will decline to 80% for Grade 3 where all subjects, except English language, will be instructed in French. The intensity will move to 50% for grades 4 through 8.

How is this different from the current early French Immersion model?

Students currently enter the early FI program in Grade 1 with 50% French intensity; meaning half of their subjects are taught in French.

When are these changes taking effect?

This new model will be effective in September 2018. Entry into Grade 1 of our current FI model will cease after the 2016-2017 school year. As such, the 2017-2018 Grade 1 cohort will be English program only. Please note there will be **NO** Grade 1 in our Single Track French Immersion schools.

There will be **NO** Grade 1 French Immersion program beginning in September 2017.

What does this mean for Brookdale Public School

- For the 2017-2018 school year, all students in Grade 1 will be in a 100% English program. This means all current Kindergarten students will remain at our school for Grade 1. Therefore, Brookdale may expect higher enrolments in Grade 1 beginning in September 2017.
- The HDSB has been introducing Primary Core French instruction across the system for the past several years. As such, all our students (except Kindergarten) will eventually be provided with Core French instruction.
- Beginning September 2018, Grade 2 will be the new entry point for students who may be interested in enrolling in the early French Immersion program at our associated FI school. This program will start at 100% French language intensity and gradually decrease in intensity in subsequent years. This represents a change from the current model which is Grade 1 entry with 50% French language intensity.

Moving Forward

For more information about the HDSB French Immersion model changes, please visit our website at www.hdsb.ca. Information is found by searching “English and FSL Programming 2015-2016 (PVC)”.