



INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGES ELEMENTARY PROGRAM

Frequently Asked Questions



Who is eligible for the ILE program?

- For the regular **school year**:
 - ILE classes are for any student registered in year 1 ELKP (JK) to grade 8.
- For **summer** classes:
 - Students that have not started school during the previous regular school year are not eligible to participate until they begin in the following September (e.g. if a student does not start year 1 ELKP (JK) until the September after the summer program, then the student is not eligible to participate in the summer program).
 - Students who have graduated grade 8 in June are not eligible to participate in the summer program. After graduation in June a student is eligible to participate in secondary summer school.
- Please note: Students are expected to always behave respectfully and appropriately. Disruptive or unsafe behaviour that interferes with the learning environment will not be tolerated. Persistent behavioural concerns that cannot be resolved despite reasonable interventions may result in the student being withdrawn from the program.

Is there a cost to attend the ILE program?

- The ILE program is **free** to any students enrolled.
- If you are asked to pay any fees, please let us know by sending an email through the link on the ILE program website.

What is the schedule/calendar for the ILE program?

- The ILE program follows a condensed version of the DSBN school year calendar and during the month of July for the summer program.
- During the school year, classes run once per week. Class days/times are subject to change yearly. During the summer months classes may run on weekdays mornings in July.
- Classes are dependent on registration numbers and qualified instructors.
- Classes **do not** run during the Winter Break and March break, or a statutory holiday.
- Classes **do** run on PA days.
- Parents/guardians must ensure students are picked up promptly at the scheduled end of class. Instructors cannot provide supervision beyond dismissal time. Repeated or unresolved late pickups may result in administrative review and possible withdrawal from the program.
- Students are not to be dropped off or picked up outside the communicated class times as there is no ILE program supervision.

What locations are classes held in?

- Class locations are dependent on space availability and a range of program factors.
 - Classes are held in St. Catharines and Niagara Falls.
 - Classes run out of DSBN School locations.

What happens during inclement weather?

- The ILE program follows the direction of the DSBN.
 - If schools are closed, ILE classes are cancelled.
 - If buses are cancelled, but schools remain open, ILE classes will still run, a decision will be made if classes will run in person or virtually.
 - Any decision to change classes due to inclement weather will be communicated as early as possible. Please note you will **only** receive communication if there are changes.
 - Please check the local news outlets and DSBN website for updates on closures.

Does my child already need to speak the language we are registering for?

- Students are not required to have a background in a language to enrol.

What if my child has a health issue and requires medication?

- Please make sure to note any health concerns or allergies on the registration.
 - There is a section on the registration form to explain how the ILE program can support students' medical needs while participating in class.

Can a student register for more than one language?

- Yes, if it is a different language and runs on a different day.
- Please fill in a separate registration form for each student in each language.
- Note: students may register in more than one language, but they cannot register in the same language on a different day.

Can I register after registration closes?

- School year registration is available yearly from approximately mid-June to mid-August, then late registrations may be available for a limited time period depending on available space and class capacity.
- Summer Program registration is available yearly, typically during the month of May. Late registrations may be possible and would take place following the standard registration period.
- After the late registrations close, the waitlist will be reviewed and you will be notified if a space becomes available, the next registration period will open prior to the following session. Those wishing to register at that time will be required to submit a new registration during that period.
- It is encouraged that you **register early** to ensure your child's placement in a class, once a class is full students will be placed on a waitlist.

I haven't heard from the ILE Program since registering, is my child registered?

- The instructors will email class details before classes begin.
- If you do not hear from an instructor and you know classes have begun, please send an email through the link on the ILE program website with your students' details, there may be an issue with your registration which could include:
 - The registration was not submitted.
 - The registration was not completed properly and could not be processed.
 - There is a waitlist for the language you registered for

I wish there was a language offered, but it does not show on the registration form, can it be added to the list of language classes offered?

- **YES**, we can look into adding more language options, please email your request through the link on the ILE program website.
- New languages are subject to the same requirements:
 - A minimum of 23 students register for the language.
 - Availability of a qualified instructor to lead the class.

Is there extra support for my child with a special need during class time?

- Each classroom has a ratio of 1 Instructor to approximately 23-25 students.
- Please indicate on the registration form if the student requires accommodation during class time and how the ILE program can support your student while participating in class.
- Please contact the ILE program Coordinator by sending an email through the link on the ILE Program website to discuss options for supporting your child.

I have a question not listed here?

- Please email inquiries to ILE@dsbn.org or through the link on the [ILE Website](#).