# INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGES ELEMENTARY PROGRAM

# Frequently Asked Questions



The DSBN is proud to offer the International Languages Elementary Program. The ILE program gives students the opportunity to learn a new language other than the English and French languages, which are already offered through the regular day school program.

## *Who is eligible for the ILE program?*

- All registrations require an Ontario Education Number (OEN) that can be found on your students' report card.
    - Anyone who does not have an OEN can contact the ILE program to discuss registration options.
- For the regular **school year**:
    - Students in ELKP year 1 (JK) to grade 8.
- For **summer** classes:
    - Students in ELKP year 1 (JK) to grade 7.
        - Students who will not begin ELKP year 1 (JK) until the September after the summer are not eligible for the summer program.
        - Students who graduate grade 8 in June prior to the beginning of the summer program are not eligible to participate.

## *Is there a fee to participate in the ILE program?*

- The ILE program is offered **free** of charge, some classroom materials may be supplied, students may occasionally be asked to bring some basic supplies.

## *Does my child receive academic credit for participation in the ILE program?*

- ILE program does not provide academic credit.  Classes are designed to bring together students of various ages and language abilities in a shared learning environment.

### *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.

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

- Please make sure to note any health concerns or allergies on the registration.

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

- Families are encouraged to identify any accommodation or support needs on the registration form.
- The ILE Program Coordinator will work with families to discuss the students' needs and determine whether appropriate support can be provided within the program.

### *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.
    - During July classes may run on weekday mornings.
- Class days/times/locations are subject to change yearly.
- Classes **do not** run during the Winter Break and March break, or a statutory holiday.
- Classes **do** run on PA days.
- There may be times throughout the school year when a class may be required to run online or asynchronously.

## *What is an Online Class?*

- An online class is delivered through a digital platform allowing students to participate from different locations.
    - Online classes will be provided through the Microsoft Teams application. An email invitation into the online class will be sent to the email address submitted on the student registration.
- When an online class occurs, the Lead Instructor for the language represented will provide an online class for all students registered in that language. This will enable all students in one household to participate using one device.

## *What is an Asynchronous Class?*

- An asynchronous class is where students learn independently by completing teacher-provided lessons, activities, and assignments on their own schedule prior to the next in-person class.
- When an asynchronous class is scheduled, the instructor will provide learning activities for all students registered in the class. These may be provided as handouts distributed during the previous class or through an email sent before the scheduled class time.

## *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.

## *School Access During ILE Classes*

- During ILE program hours, access to the school is limited to registered participants, authorized staff, and approved volunteers. Participants may only access spaces designated for ILE program use. Other areas of the school are not available for general use.

- To support a safe and positive experience for all participants, registered ILE students are expected to be on school premises only during their scheduled class times and in accordance with the drop-off and pick-up times and procedures communicated for their class. ILE staff and volunteers are on site only during scheduled program hours.

## *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.
    - As is the case at all times, including during inclement weather, when classes are operating, parents/guardians are responsible for assessing local weather and travel conditions and deciding whether their child will attend an operating class.

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

- Class details will be emailed before classes begin. Please make sure you provide a valid email address on the registration form.
- 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. Example: you did not provide a valid email address on the registration form.

### *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.

### *Can I register after registration closes?*

- Late registrations for both the school year and summer sessions may be available for a limited time period depending on available space and class capacity.
- 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 have a question not listed here?*

- Please email inquiries to ILE@dsbn.org