

French Immersion Kindergarten Lottery Process Information for Applicants

Due to the popularity of the French Immersion program and limited space, a lottery will be used to determine placement for new Kindergarten registrations.

Registration requests received at your FI catchment school during Kindergarten Registration Week **Monday, January 28 to Friday, February 1, 2019** will be included in the lottery.

Only applications where all original supporting documentation has been received by the deadline of **3 pm on Friday February 1** will be included in the lottery. Applications received after February 1, 2019 will not be included in the lottery process but will be added to a waitlist according to Saanich Schools enrolling priorities.

The lottery will follow Saanich Schools enrolling priorities:

1. re-enrolling students (not applicable to new Kindergarten students)
2. siblings of re-enrolling students
3. catchment area children
4. non-catchment children
5. out of district children

Participants will include:

- Principals of both schools
- Admin Assistants of both schools
- PAC representative from each school
- District representative

The lottery will begin with Category 2 and move through Saanich enrolling priorities categories.

Example: a school has 40 available seats.

- *20 catchment area children with a sibling in the school apply,*
- *10 catchment area children apply, and*
- *15 non-catchment children apply.*

The 20 catchment area children with siblings in the school will be placed, followed by the 10 catchment area children. A lottery will take place for the 15 non-catchment children for the remaining 10 seats.

After the lottery has concluded, starting on February 11 and beginning with Enrolling priority 2 (siblings of re-enrolling students) parents who will be offered a space will be contacted via email and will have 24 hours to accept the offer. If a response is not received by **4 pm on the following day** the offer will be rescinded and the space will be offered to the next name in the lottery. This process may take a few days to complete so please check your email frequently, including your junk mail folder. Updates will be posted on the district website at www.saanichschools.ca

Students not offered a French Immersion space will have an opportunity to:

1. Remain on a wait list for one or both FI schools and register at your catchment English school, or
2. Withdraw from the FI wait list and register at your catchment English school.