

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**School Year 2025/2026****1. Who is eligible for the IILEP?**

- IILEP is funded free of charge for pupils enrolled in Junior Kindergarten to Grade 8 in a publicly funded day school or private school.
- All students require an Ontario Education Number (OEN) number (found on the left side of the student's report card). Students eligible to enter Year 1 Kindergarten in September and those in private school who do not have an OEN number must provide identification (e.g., a birth certificate or passport) to be photocopied and attached to the registration form.)
- Home-schooled children are not funded and are subject to a fee of \$100.00/pupil. Online payment coming soon.

2. What is the duration of the Program?

There are two sessions

- The Fall/Winter session begins in September and ends at the end of May or the beginning of June. Classes run for 2.5 hours/week.
- The summer session is offered in July for 2.5 hours per day, Monday to Friday.

3. When can I register?

For more information on registering, please see information on stcharles.ca/iilep

4. Where can I register?

Registration information can be found on stcharles.ca/iilep

5. When is the last day for registration?

Elementary registration is ongoing. However, if the classes are at capacity, you will be informed that the students will be placed on a waitlist.

6. When will I know if my child is enrolled?

Once you submit the online registration, your child/ren will be enrolled. You will be contacted by your child's instructor shortly before the program begins.

7. What can be done if the target language at a site is at full capacity?

Classes are subject to sufficient enrolment and availability of qualified instructors. Please enrol your child/ren as soon as possible to secure a spot.

When the target language at the chosen site are at full capacity, your child/ren can be placed on a waitlist. If interested, contact info@stcharles.ca or PH: 905-577-0555 ext. 3225.

If a place becomes available, you will be contacted by the head instructor.

8. Will there be in-person registration at the language sites?

It would be helpful if registrations could be done online and as soon as possible. Those who may have trouble with this process could register in person.

9. Is there a cost to the program?

There is no charge for children attending classes. Various communities may ask parents for a donation to cover the costs of special events, i.e., class trips, special presentations, etc. Parents are responsible for providing transportation to and from classes.

A home-schooled child is required to pay a \$100 registration fee.

10. When is the first day of class?

For the specific date of the first day of class and times of each language class, please see the list of elementary programs on the IILEP calendar at stcharles.ca/ilcal

11. Will parents/guardians or students be contacted regarding the first day of class?

No. Parents, /guardians and students will not be contacted regarding the first day of classes; the date and time of the first class is available at stcharles.ca/ilcal

12. Can I get a copy of the school IILEP calendar?

Yes. IILEP calendars are available at stcharles.ca/ilcal

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

The head instructor must be informed of your child's medical condition at registration. Students requiring an EpiPen or inhalers for asthma must contact the head instructor to receive the required documents. A list of target languages sites and instructors is posted link

14. Can a student register for more than one language?

Yes. For example, your child can take Spanish on Tuesday night and take Italian on Thursday night.

15. Can you take the same language more than once a week?

No. The Ministry of Education only funds one language class of the same language per student.

16. Do I have to speak some of the language already?

No. Students do not have to speak the language to enrol in a language class. Instructors will differentiate to meet your child's language learning needs. Setting realistic language learning expectations for your child is important as this program runs only once per week and is not an immersion program.

17. My child/ren already speaks the language. Can they be placed in an advanced class?

Students are scheduled into age-appropriate classes (day school grade) regardless of the level of fluency; teachers will differentiate instruction based on student needs.

18. Can my child be placed in a class with a friend/sibling?

We will try our best to accommodate your request. Please inform the head instructor of your request as soon as possible. The head instructors' list can be found at stcharles.ca/ilinfo

19. Where are the IILEP classes held?

Elementary classes are held in Hamilton Wentworth Catholic District School Board schools and buildings. See the list of elementary programs to find the location, date, and time of each class, as well as a list of languages offered at stcharles.ca/ilinfo

20. Do the IILEP classes run on inclement weather days?

When evening classes are cancelled due to inclement weather, the IILEP classes are also cancelled.

Unless the Director of the Hamilton Wentworth Catholic District School Board chooses to close the schools, they will be open for classes.

On days when the weather is a problem, it is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to decide whether the child should attend school.

When Friday evening classes are cancelled due to inclement weather, Saturday morning classes are also automatically cancelled.

School closures are announced on:

- CHCH TV & the local radio stations (900 CHML, 1150 CKOC, 102.9 K-LITE FM, 820 CHAM, Y-95 FM).
- St. Charles website stcharles.ca
- Board website hwcdsb.ca
- Facebook: [@stcharlesadultandconed](https://www.facebook.com/stcharlesadultandconed) or [@hwcdsb](https://www.facebook.com/hwcdsb)
- Twitter: [@stcharlesace](https://twitter.com/stcharlesace) or [@hwcdsb](https://twitter.com/hwcdsb)

Saturday morning cancellation

- a. If schools are to be closed on Saturday mornings: an announcement will be posted on the board and St Charles's websites or via Twitter [@hwcdsb](https://twitter.com/hwcdsb) or [@stcharlesace](https://twitter.com/stcharlesace).

21. Do IILEP classes operate on holidays?

No. Classes do not run on days when the school is closed for a statutory holiday.

22. Do IILEP Classes still happen on PA Days?

Yes. Classes run, as usual, on PA Days.

23. Are there opportunities for new IILEP instructors?

Instructors are always needed in the IILEP. Candidates must be 18 years of age or older. Selection will be based on qualifications, proficiency in the target and spoken English language, and being at least 18 years of age. If interested, contact info@stcharles.ca or PH: 905-577-0555 ext. 3225.

24. Are there opportunities to add a new target language to the IILEP?

Yes. If interested in providing a language not listed, please contact info@stcharles.ca or PH: 905-577-0555 ext. 3225.

25. Volunteer Opportunities

We welcome volunteers (grades 9 to 12) in the Indigenous and International Languages
If you require further information, please email info@stcharles.ca or PH: 905-577-0555 Ext. 3225