

International & Indigenous Language Elementary Program (IILEP) Summer 2026



The International & Indigenous Languages Elementary Program (IILEP) is offered by St. Charles Adult & Continuing Education, a school of the Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board.

The focus of the Elementary Program is to offer children an opportunity to develop and maintain the ability to listen, speak and write a new language or the language of the home or heritage. The program is offered in addition to the regular school curriculum, and enrolment is voluntary.

Eligibility

Any child that is: 4 years old or older as of December 31st, 2026, enrolled in an elementary school or Private school in Ontario is eligible to participate. Home-schooled children are required to pay a fee of \$100 upon registration. Previous knowledge of the language is not required. Children may learn a language that is not of their heritage.

Registration

Registration takes place on or before the first day of the program. However, this is a continuous entry program, and students are accepted up to July 18th.

Registrations are completed online at stcharles.ca/ilreg

The form requires your child's Ontario Education Number (OEN), which can be found on your child's report card.

Children entering Year 1 Kindergarten must show proof of age.

Classes are subject to sufficient enrolment and availability of qualified instructors

Cost

Pupils enrolled in Junior Kindergarten to Grade 8 in a publicly funded day school or private school - No charge

Home-school children may enroll for \$100.00



Courses

Arabic, Cantonese, Filipino, Hindi, Italian, Malayalam, Mandarin, Portuguese, Punjabi, Russian, Spanish, Tamil, Urdu, Vietnamese, and Yoruba.

Classes

Classes run Monday to Friday July 2nd to 29th for 2.5 hours /day

Please go to stcharles.ca/ilinfo for details.

Course Delivery

In-person and online available. Please check the registration form for offerings.

Online participants need internet connections using Microsoft Teams (available for free download) and myClass (D2L).

Class Routines

Online/virtual: Have your child log in 5 minutes before class starts.

In-person: Have your child wait outside for the instructor to lead into class.

Attendance and punctuality are essential and expected throughout the entire program.

Inform your child's instructor should your child be absent from class.

Cancellation of Classes

Should there be a need to cancel classes, parents/guardians will be notified via email or phone.

Questions?

Please refer to the Parent/Guardian Q&A section should you have any questions. It is at stcharles.ca/ilfaq

