



## Process for Application for French Immersion - September 2016

- Parents may apply for a space in the French Immersion Program in Kindergarten or Grade 1 for September 2016 being offered at James Thomson Elementary.
- Applications may be submitted online or hand delivered in person to James Thomson Elementary, 6388 Sutherland Avenue.
- The application period will be from Monday, November 30, 2015 until Friday, April 1, 2016. Applications will not be accepted after April 1, 2016.
- While the application form must be submitted during this timeframe, there is no advantage to a parent submitting first.
- Application forms are available at the SD47 Form site <https://forms.sd47.bc.ca> *Application Form - Early French Immersion*. Paper copies are available at the James Thomson Office and/or the School Board Office.
- Once the application process closes on April 1, the available spaces will be filled using the following procedure:
  - Siblings of students who are already enrolled in French immersion for September 2016 will have the first priority for a space. Note that parents must apply for a space for a sibling using the steps outlined above by the deadline of April 1.
  - Once the sibling spaces are confirmed, the remaining spaces available in the program will be filled by a random lottery draw to be held at 4 p.m. on April 19 in the Board Room at the School Board office. The draw is open to the public.
- Parents will be contacted as soon as possible after April 19. It will be the parent's responsibility to go to James Thomson Elementary where their child has a reserved spot and complete the official registration process by May 20, 2016. If a student is not registered by May 20, the reserved spot will no longer be available to them.
- Should an opening occur once all the available seats have been allocated, it will be offered to parents on the waitlist in priority order.