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

Fall 2026 French Immersion Lottery Registrations will take place at Deep Cove Elementary and Keating Elementary as follows:

January 13	**3:30-5:30 pm**
January 14	**12:30-2:30 pm**
January 15	**7:30-9:30 am**

Registration requests received at your French Immersion catchment school during this period only will be included in the lottery.

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

Registration Process:

1. Please see the Registration page on the district website for information on documentation required to register your child.

2. Submit registration form and all required documents to your French Immersion catchment school:

- Deep Cove Elementary – Deep Cove, Sidney, and ḰELSET
- Keating Elementary – Keating, Brentwood, Cordova Bay, Lochside and Prospect Lake

3. If you are requesting a school which is out of your catchment area please complete an Out of Catchment Area Application K-Grade 5 Form and submit this with your package. It is possible to request to be placed in the lottery for both your catchment and out of catchment school.

The lottery process will be conducted on a school by school basis and a waitlist will be established accordingly.

Only applications where all original supporting documentation has been received by the deadline of 9:30 am on Wednesday January 15, 2026 will be included in the lottery. Applications received after the deadline will not be included in the lottery process but will be added to a waitlist according to Saanich Schools enrolling priorities.

Families in the lottery will all be contacted by email regardless of status.