

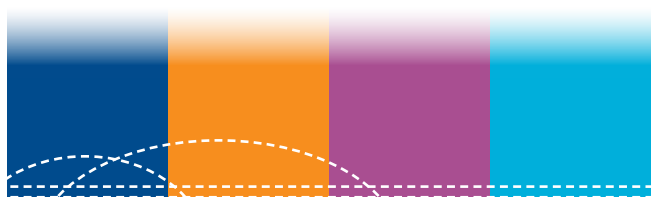
Programs of CHOICE

At HWDSB, we know that each student is unique in his or her learning. A Program of Choice is a way to support students in their learning, designed around their area of interest.

Programs of Choice at the secondary level may transition into a Specialist High Skills Major, which supports a student's pathway to graduation and moves them closer to their post-secondary destination: apprenticeship, college, university, and workplace.

All students can apply or register for these programs. For more information, please visit our website at

www.hwdsb.on.ca



Program of CHOICE

A Program of Choice will give you an edge on your education and a key to unlock your future!

- Experience innovative learning opportunities
- Earn credits towards a high school diploma
- Develop pathways to post-secondary and beyond
- Enhance skills in an area of interest

For more Programs of Choice, be sure to check out the online iGuide @ www.hwdsb.on.ca/iguide

- Watch your Program of Choice in action on YouTube. Search HWDSBtv
- Follow us on Twitter @HWDSB



A Board of CHOICE

HWDSB is a Board of choice and opportunity for students across Hamilton. With a wide range of innovative programs, more than 52,000 students in 95 elementary schools and 18 secondary schools have the opportunity to reach their full potential within our system.

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Mandarin Language Program



A language program for JK, SK, grades 1 and 2 students in both English and Mandarin

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Welcome to MANDARIN

Designed to enhance literacy and language learning, the Mandarin Language Program is available to Junior and Senior Kindergarten students until Grade 2.



Our Goal:

The program, which will offer instruction in both English and Mandarin, is based on the Ontario curriculum. The goal is to help our youngest language learners capitalize on their abilities in their first language to develop proficiency in a second language.



We are committed to helping all students reach their full potential!

- Research has shown that dual language programs lead to academic success and higher levels of language literacy more than students who are in traditional English-only classes.
- Students who get to use the background knowledge of their first language are better able to transfer concepts and skills into a second language.
- The fact that the teachers can speak the language of parents increases the likelihood of getting parents involved and supporting their child's learning.



Innovative Program

- Mandarin is spoken by more than 885 million people worldwide.
- The 2006 Census indicates 124,045 people in Hamilton speak a native language other than English or French.
- A fluently bilingual population increases business opportunities in the global economy as well as improving employment opportunities for individuals.
- Mandarin is spoken by 9,125 people in Hamilton and is the third most spoken language behind English and French in Canada.

How to Register

The Mandarin Language Program is offered at Prince Philip Elementary School and is open to students from a Mandarin-speaking country.

In keeping with Board policy, parents are responsible for the transportation of students who don't live in the school boundaries.

Registration is open to both Junior and Senior Kindergarten students, and students in grades 1 and 2

This is a pilot project, approved by the Ministry of Education. During this school year, the Mandarin Language Program will be assessed, with the possibility of expansion to Grade 3.

Before and after-school care is available as well as an International Language After School program in Mandarin.

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