Orthophonie
VoxLingue
Speech and Language

Printable sheet

Before the language form: two weeks of observation and five questions for the school

The school's language form is not a test. For two weeks, note what you see in everyday life, in whatever language it happens. Your notes will help you fill in the form and talk about it at registration.

Language(s) spoken at home _____

Age at first contact with French _____

Language at daycare _____

What I notice over two weeks

What I notice	Language	An example: what they said or did
Understands a new instruction outside the usual routine		
Says when they don't understand or asks a question		
Tells about their day or retells a story they heard		
Is understood by adults who don't know them well		
Finds their words “because”, yesterday, tomorrow		
Plays with sounds rhymes, syllables, first sounds		

Documents to gather

- [ ] Birth certificate
- [ ] Proof of residence
- [ ] Speech therapy or other professional reports, if any
- [ ] The daycare's developmental portrait (dossier éducatif)
- [ ] Passage à l'école, if your neighbourhood uses it
- [ ] CLSC portfolio, if your child is followed there
- [ ] English school: Certificate of Eligibility

Five questions for the school

1. Do you have a language form, and who reads it?
2. Is it mandatory, and who sees the answers?
3. Can the school's speech-language pathologist call us before school starts?
4. How do I pass on the speech therapist's or CLSC report?
5. My child is learning French: how does the school assess their French, and what support does it offer?

Something worrying you?

Contact your CLSC or ask your doctor (the Agir tôt program, before school entry). You can also book a private assessment, no referral needed, or do both.

Does the form ask about their first language? Describe how they speak in that language: it helps the school tell a language difficulty apart from French that is still being learned.

Sources: Québec Ministry of Education, preschool cycle program (2023); public forms from Québec school service centres (2021 to 2026); Québec.ca pages on public school registration, the child's educational record and the Agir tôt program. **General information: this sheet does not replace an assessment.**