

Registration for Kindergarten

We are very excited to welcome your child to kindergarten!

We recognize that the kindergarten year is a significant milestone. Our team of dedicated educators is committed to fostering a love for learning, creativity, and curiosity in every child.

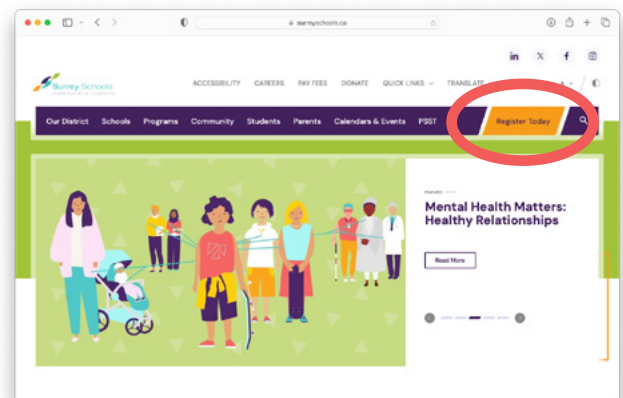
Below is important information about kindergarten registration at your catchment school, including details about our Programs of Choice that are offered at select schools throughout our district. Programs of Choice are open to out-of-catchment students but do require families to coordinate transportation to and from school.

How can I register my child for kindergarten?

All Surrey and White Rock elementary schools offer full day kindergarten.

To register your child for kindergarten at your catchment school, please visit www.surreyschools.ca and click on the [register now](#) button on the top right-hand corner. This registration system is for all K–12 students.

Your catchment school is determined by your address and where it falls within the district's School Boundaries Map. To find your catchment school, please input your address to our School Locator tool which is available on our district website.



When can I register my child for kindergarten?

To register, children must turn five years of age by December 31 in the same calendar year that they begin school. Please check surreyschools.ca for dates.

Is there any registration information that may be helpful for families with children that have diverse abilities and needs?

During the registration process, we encourage families to share details about their child's needs. This information can help facilitate a smooth transition to school and ensures that the educational team is well-informed about the student's unique needs, fostering a more supportive and tailored educational experience.



What is a Program of Choice?

A Program of Choice refers to a specialized full-time educational program offered at specific schools that families can choose for their children. These programs focus on the competencies, skills, and understandings outlined in the B.C. K-7 curriculum, but are uniquely designed to cater to specific interests, teaching approaches, or educational philosophies. The goal of these programs is to support and enrich the various ways in which children learn, ensuring a comprehensive and inclusive educational experience for all.

Which Programs of Choice are available?

The Surrey School District is proud to offer the following Programs of Choice that are available to kindergarten students through the district's kindergarten lottery program:

- **Early French Immersion:** Students are immersed in French language learning in all areas of study. This program is available in Cloverdale/Clayton, Guildford, Panorama, South Surrey/White Rock, and Surrey Central.
- **Intensive Fine Arts:** Students are immersed in an environment where they can focus on artistic habits of mind and learning. This program is available in Guildford and South Surrey/White Rock.
- **Montessori:** This program integrates multi-age classrooms to cultivate and foster a sense of community, collaboration, and mentorship among students. With purposeful Montessori materials and passionate educators, this program nurtures holistic development, empowering each child to become a lifelong, self-directed learner. This program is available in Cloverdale/Clayton, Guildford and South Surrey/White Rock.
- **Outdoor Education:** Students are immersed in an environment where they can engage in outdoor experiences that integrate the BC curriculum. This program is available in the South Surrey/White Rock area.
- **Traditional:** Students are immersed in an environment where they can share common values of citizenship and academic excellence. This program is available in Cloverdale/Clayton, Panorama and Surrey Central.

How can I apply for my child to attend a Program of Choice?

Families who would like to apply to one of our Programs of Choice are invited to submit their application online during our Kindergarten lottery period. Families will need to register at their catchment school before they can submit an application for a Program of Choice. The Programs of Choice lottery is available for a three-week period starting at the end of January. Please see the [website](#) for specific dates.

You can apply for up to three Programs of Choice and applications are free.