

Preparing for Kindergarten Registration

We are excited to welcome your child to kindergarten!

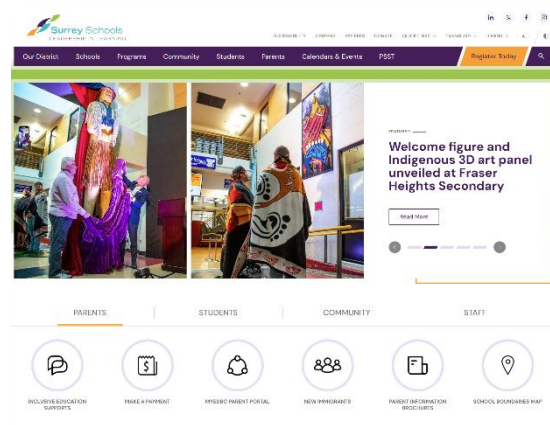
We recognize that the kindergarten year is a significant milestone. Our team of dedicated educators is committed to fostering a love for learning, creativity, and curiosity in every child.

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 and students are registered at their catchment school.

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 into our [School Locator](#) tool which is available on our website. To learn more about registration and programs, please visit us at our website, www.surreyschools.ca.



When is my child eligible to register for kindergarten?

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

What are Programs of Choice?

The Surrey School District provides a variety of programs across several schools. Applicants can enter through district lottery or the school's application process. We strongly recommend that anyone interested in applying for a Program of Choice attend the information meeting hosted by each school. Once scheduled, dates and times will be posted on www.surreyschools.ca.

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.

Which documents are required for registration?

The following documents are required when registering:

PART ONE: Required documentation (does not have to be from British Columbia)

1. Photo identification for the **parent/legal guardian** such as: driver's licence, passport, Photo BC Services Card, BCID card
2. A declaration of the **parent/legal guardian's** citizenship status (can be completed as part of online registration or in person)
3. Evidence of legal guardianship (as shown on child's birth certificate, or other appropriate legal documentation, such as, landed immigrant document or guardianship order)
4. Evidence of birth date for the student (e.g., birth certificate or passport)

PART TWO: Proof of residence for the parent/guardian in BC

1. Valid government issued documentation showing the address of residence with the name of resident parent/legal guardian (e.g., BC Driver's License, BC Services Card, BCID or ICBC Registration document, etc.)

Other documents that can be used if you do not have valid government issued documentation showing your address of residence (provide at least 2):

- Property purchase agreement
- Utility bill
- Rental agreement (or letter from landlord)
- Health documents (medical reports and letters)
- Letter-mail with name and address of resident
- Employment pay-slips
- Bank statements
- Letter from employer
- Insurance statements or policies
- Statement or letter from a Notary Public
- Other documents that indicate resident's name and address

It is not our school district's practice to share student or parent information with federal immigration authorities unless there is a specific case where it may be required to do so by law.

The B.C. government requests that all students in B.C. have their vaccination status reported. This regulation supports public health to control outbreaks and keeps students healthy and safe.

For more information on the Vaccination Status Reporting Regulation please visit: immunizebc.ca/vaccination-status-reporting-regulation or visit [Fraserhealth.ca/immunizations](https://fraserhealth.ca/immunizations).

When registering, we encourage parents and guardians to share information about their child in order to support a successful transition to school and ensure the educational team is aware of the student's unique and diverse learning needs. Report cards and other support documents are always helpful.