



What is a Program of Choice?

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A Program of Choice is 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 land-based learning experiences that integrate with the BC curriculum. This program is available in the South Surrey/White Rock area. One of our Outdoor Education programs focuses on Indigenous culture and tradition.
- **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 (applications are free). Please see the website for information about **Parent Information Nights** and registration dates.