

Welcome to StrongStart!

Answering your StrongStart Questions



What is StrongStart?

StrongStart programs provide rich learning environments designed to support children's early development across all areas – linguistic, physical, cognitive, social and emotional well being. Qualified Early Childhood Educators (ECEs) create safe, inclusive environments where children find opportunities to participate, think, explore and discover new things about themselves, others and the world around them. As children attend StrongStart with family members, the ECE also provides support to all caregivers, sharing parenting resources, tools to create joyful learning at home, help in identifying a child's extra support needs, and assistance to access community resources. At StrongStart we work together to celebrate and nurture every child's gifts.

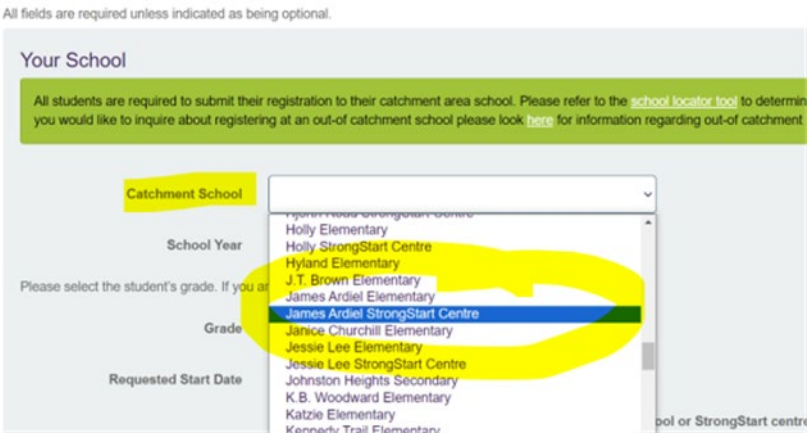
How do I register for StrongStart?

Before you click the registration link you will need to know the following information:

1. Name of StrongStart location you would like to attend. To see all Surrey locations click here

2. Important Identification documents ready to upload. To see identification needed click here.

3. The registration form is the same as if you were registering your child for school **but you register specifically for a 'StrongStart Centre' location rather than a school.**



Once you have all of the above information ready click here to start the registration form.

StrongStart in Surrey

Where can I find a StrongStart Program in Surrey?	StrongStart in Surrey is available in 23 of our 103 Elementary schools. To find a StrongStart school near you please click here.
At what age can I start to bring my child to a StrongStart?	StrongStart is open to all children along with their caregiver from birth until age five (or when they enter Kindergarten)
When can we start to attend?	Registrations are received and processed by the StrongStart Educator at each site. They make every effort to process registrations as quickly as possible and reach out to each family for times to start. During busy times like September/ October, January and March/April it can take up to two weeks.
Who do I contact if I have questions?	1. Find the StrongStart Educator contact at the centre you wish to register by clicking here 2. Patty Maharaj – Acting District Principal, Early Learning and Child Care maharaj_p@surreyschools.ca or 778-772-8380
What is the difference between StrongStart and Pre-school?	In preschool programs the child attends independently, without the caregiver. Pre-schools vary in philosophies and approach to children's learning and development. StrongStart requires a caregiver to attend with the child. It is rooted in a play-based learning philosophy that follows the BC Early Learning Framework
Does StrongStart run all year long?	StrongStart follows the calendar of the school year, September to June. Please keep in mind that StrongStart closes throughout the year for holidays, non-instructional days as well as professional Development days.
Are there other resources for families that you would recommend?	Please refer to the Reference list below to access further resources: elf-a-guide-for-families.pdf (gov.bc.ca) elf_resource_list.pdf (gov.bc.ca) Play Today: A Guide for Families (gov.bc.ca)