

FULL DAY KINDERGARTEN

Questions & Answers

Q: Which schools will have Full Day Kindergarten in September 2010?

Alderson
Baker Drive
Birchland
Cape Horn
Cedar Drive
Central
Coquitlam River
James Park
Kilmer
Mary Hill
Meadowbrook
Miller Park
Moody
Mountain View
Nestor
Rochester (English Program only)
Roy Stibbs
Seaview
Walton
Westwood

Q: How was it determined which schools would host Full Day Kindergarten (FDK)?

A: The School District received funding from the Ministry of Education for the provision of 887 Full Day Kindergarten spots. In determining the locations, district staff reviewed several considerations, with the prime consideration being available space.

Q: What about the schools that currently have Montessori and Early French Immersion?

A: If the school is designated for FDK in September 2010, it will also be offered in these programs that are already taking place at these schools (with the exception of the FI program at Rochester where FDK will be offered in the English Program only).

Q: How will this impact the Kindergarten registration process?

A: Kindergarten registration will take place as usual February 2-4, 2010. All families should register their kindergarten children in their neighbourhood/catchment schools.

Q: What about cross-catchment applications for Kindergarten?

A: There will be no cross-catchment registrations taken during the February 2-4 registration period. Applications will be available at schools or online on the SD43 site at www.sd43.bc.ca February 8-17. The applications can be completed electronically or submitted to the School Board Office at 550 Poirier St. by February 17. Families will be notified by mail by March 5.

Regarding priority placements, the process will follow the existing Administrative Procedure on Registration.

Q: If I register my child in FDK at an out-of-catchment school, will he/she be guaranteed a seat back at my catchment/neighbourhood school for Grade 1 forward?

A: Your child will have priority at your own neighbourhood school after completing kindergarten at an out-of-catchment school.

Q: If my child can't get into a FDK program, won't he/she be disadvantaged?

A: The Kindergarten curriculum outcomes are the same for half or full day Kindergarten

Q: What will happen after the 2010/11 year?

A: it's expected that all elementary schools will have Full Day Kindergarten in the fall of 2011..