

School District No. 43 (Coquitlam)

School and Program Registration Information

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The school district offers a variety of educational programs that require registration. Included in this pull-out are many of these programs, and details about information meetings, registration periods and deadlines.



Cross Catchment Application Process 2016 - 2017

Parents can apply for a school outside of their neighbourhood catchment school. To do so you must complete a "Cross Catchment Application." Placement is based on space availability.

Cross Catchment Process: Information on the cross catchment process can be obtained from our website: **www.sd43.bc.ca.**

The District is encouraging use of the electronic version of the application form accessed through our website www.sd43.bc.ca beginning
February 5th at 9:00 a.m. The process will close on February 17th at 4:30 p.m. Application requirements can be found on our website.

Paper forms will also be available at all schools as of February 5th at 9:00 a.m. All completed paper applications must be returned in person or by mail to the School District Office at 550 Poirier Street, Coquitlam, V3J 6A7 by the closing date. **Faxed or email copies will NOT be accepted.**

The school locator on our website provides a student's designated catchment area schools. Catchment is based on home address.

Kindergarten Registration for September 2016

When Can My Child Start Kindergarten?

Children who are five years old on or before December 31, 2016 may enter school in September 2016. You may defer your child's enrolment until September 2017.

When Should I Register My Child?

Kindergarten registration (except for Programs of Choice - Montessori, Bilingual Mandarin, Reggio and French Immersion) within School District No. 43 (Coquitlam) will be held on February 2, 3, 4 in all elementary schools. If you are interested in registering your child in one of our Programs of Choice please visit www.sd43.bc.ca for more information on application deadlines and Parent Information meeting locations.

All students must be registered for Kindergarten at their catchment area school. To determine your catchment school access the school locator on our website. If parents wish their child to attend an out of catchment school they will be provided the opportunity to apply for a cross catchment transfer, beginning on February 5, 2016 with the deadline of February 17, 2016 (visit our website for more information). If enrolment projections show that space is available, cross-catchment transfer applications will be accepted in accordance with the following priorities: (i) catchment area child; (ii) non-catchment area child; and (iii) non-school district child.

Please note that siblings of students who will be in attendance at a school are considered as a catchment area child at that school. Students with sibling status still need to complete a cross catchment form. Please refer to our website for more information on the cross catchment process.

Can I use my childcare facility address to determine my child's school attendance area? According to the School Act, enrolment can only be based on the home address.

Should I Bring Anything for Registration? Please bring the following documents:

- Proof of citizenship for parent & child (one of): birth certificate; passport; PR Card; Canadian Citizenship Card.
- Proof of B.C. residency for parent (one of): rental contract; property purchase contract; income tax statement; property tax statement; and 2 of the following documents: utility bill; B.C. driver's licence; B.C. vehicle registration; Canadian bank or credit card statement; B.C. ID.
- Proof of Guardianship: please refer to 'Funding Eligibility Checklist' on our website or contact your neighbourhood school.

NON-RESIDENTS

Please contact the International Education Department at 604-936-5769 or visit at 1100 Winslow Ave., Coquitlam. Bring along proof of citizenship for parent and student, proof of residency and proof of guardianship (if applicable).

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French Immersion Application Process

Why choose French Immersion for your child?

Extend their horizons through learning another language!

French Immersion:

- Offers all students whose first language is not French the possibility of completing the prescribed B.C. curriculum and learning French at the same time;
- Helps students develop strong communication skills in both English and French; and
- Expands cultural horizons and helps prepare students for the global economy.

KINDERGARTEN ENTRY

If you are considering EARLY FRENCH IMMERSION in September 2016, it is recommended that you attend an information meeting to learn about the program. Meetings will take place at:

ROCHESTER ELEMENTARY 411 Schoolhouse St., Cog Mon., Jan. 4 at 7:00 p.m.

COQUITLAM RIVER ELEM. 4250 Shaughnessy St., Cog. Tues., Jan. 5 at 7:00 p.m.

MARY HILL ELEMENTARY Wed., Jan. 6 at 7:00 p.m.

IRVINE ELEMENTARY 1890 Humber Cres., Port Cog. 3862 Wellington St., Port Cog. Thurs., Jan. 7 at 7:00 p.m.

GLENAYRE ELEMENTARY

495 Glencoe Dr. Port Moody Fri., Jan. 8 at 7:00 p.m.

As these are information meetings for parents, kindly make arrangements to leave your children at home.

Applications for Early French Immersion are to be completed online from January 14 – 20, 2016. Application forms will only be available online from January 14 at 9:00 a.m. to January 20 at 4:00 p.m.

Space is limited and a draw (lottery) will be used, if necessary.

LATE ENTRY (GR. 6)

If you are considering LATE FRENCH IMMERSION in September 2016, it is recommended that you attend an information meeting to learn about the program. Meetings will take place at:

PITT RIVER MIDDLE SCHOOL MOODY MIDDLE SCHOOL 2070 Tyner St., Port Coq. 3115 St. Johns St., Port Moody. Mon., Jan. 11 at 7:00 p.m. Tues., Jan. 12, at 7:00 p.m.

BANTING MIDDLE SCHOOL

820 Banting Dr., Cog. Wed., Jan. 13 at 7:00 p.m.

Applications for Late French Immersion are to be completed online from January 15 - 21, 2016. Application forms will only be available online from January 15 at 9:00 a.m. to January 21 at 4:00 p.m.

Space is limited and a draw (lottery) will be used, if necessary.

For further information on Early and Late French Immersion visit our website: www.sd43.bc.ca or contact Sophie Bergeron at 604-937-6392.

Montessori Program Application Process

WHAT IS MONTESSORI?

- Montessori is a program of choice offered by School District No. 43 (Coquitlam).
- The program provides a rich learning environment for students. It is based on Montessori principles and fulfills the expectations of the Ministry of Education.
- The program is available to students in Kindergarten to Grade 8.
- The Montessori approach supports continuous progress, as students learn to work on personal goals and academic
- Students learn to work independently, in small groups and as peer leaders.
- •The program is delivered following the Montessori philosophy of learning.
- Students make use of a variety of information sources in their project work, including explorations, technology, print and human resources.
- The program supports students in becoming lifelong learners and global citizens.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

- Children must be entering Kindergarten or Grade 1 in September 2016.
- Application forms will be available at the January 11, 2016 information meeting (see below), at elementary schools offering Montessori, and on the District website:

www.sd43.bc.ca/Programs/Montessori.

- Montessori is available at the following elementary schools: Aspenwood (in-catchment placements only), Baker Drive, Hampton Park, Harbour View, James Park, Miller Park, and
- Completed application forms must be mailed or hand delivered (no faxes or emails accepted) to the Coquitlam School Board Office (550 Poirier Street, Coguitlam, V3J 6A7) no later than 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 20, 2016.
- •There are a number of spaces available for Late Montessori Program applications in Grade 6 at Montgomery Middle School and at Scott Creek Middle School. Please contact Mr. Rob McFaul at 604-939-7367 or email: Montgomery@sd43.bc.ca or Mr. Rob Foot at 604-945-0156 or e-mail ScottCreek@sd43.bc.ca for further information.

Please note that applications for Kindergarten/Grade 1 is done by a **random draw** and will be limited to the number of spaces available. Late application forms will not be part of the draw.

> For parent convenience, two information meetings are planned for: Monday, January 11, 2016 (4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.; or 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.) **Gallery Room - Winslow Centre** 1100 Winslow Avenue, Coquitlam

For more information visit our website at www.sd43.bc.ca

Late Montessori Program (Grade 6 Entry) **Application Process**

Broaden their love of learning through an enriched Montessori program!

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- •The program is available to students in Kindergarten to Grade 8.
- •The Montessori approach supports continuous progress, as students learn to work on personal goals and academic challenges.
- Students learn to work independently, in small groups and
- •The program is delivered following the Montessori philosophy of learning.
- Students make use of a variety of information sources in their project work, including explorations, technology, print and human resources.
- Montessori at middle school emphasizes critical and creative thinking, community service and student-initiated learning with in-depth studies.
- •The program supports students in becoming lifelong learners and global citizens.

Late Montessori Application Process at Montgomery & Scott Creek Middle Schools (Grade 6 entry)

AN INVITATION TO PARENTS: If you are considering the Montessori program at middle school in September 2016, you are invited to attend an information meeting to learn about the program. An information meeting regarding the middle school program will take place at:

> **MONTGOMERY MIDDLE SCHOOL** 1900 Edgewood Avenue, Coquitlam Tuesday, January 19, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. Application forms will be available at the information meeting or online.

For further information visit our website at www.sd43.bc.ca or contact Rob McFaul, Principal, Montgomery Middle School at 604-939-7367 or e-mail: montgomery@sd43.bc.ca or Rob Foot, Principal, Scott Creek Middle School at 604-945-0156 or e-mail: scottcreek@sd43.bc.ca

Bilingual Mandarin Program Application Process

WHAT IS THE BILINGUAL MANDARIN PROGRAM?

Bilingual Mandarin is a program of choice offered by School District No. 43 (Coguitlam) at the Kindergarten through Grade 5 level for the 2016/2017 school year and is located at Walton Elementary School. This program will include Grades 6 and 7 at Scott Creek Middle for the 2016/2017 school year.

Regardless of their first language, the program offers all students the possibility of completing fifty percent of the prescribed B.C. curriculum in Mandarin (Mandarin Language Arts, Math, Health and Career, and P.E.) and 50 per cent of the prescribed B.C. curriculum in English (English Language Arts, Science and Social Studies and Fine Arts). Students develop strong communication skills in both English and Mandarin. Students develop their knowledge of other cultures and the program helps prepare students for the global economy.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

Children must be entering Kindergarten or Grade 1 in September 2016. Application forms will be available at the January 12, 2016 information meeting (see below) at Walton Elementary School, and on the district website: www.sd43.bc.ca/Programs/Mandarin on January 13, 2016

Completed application forms must be mailed or hand delivered (no faxes or emails accepted) to the Coquitlam School Board Office (550 Poirier Street, Coquitlam V3J 6A7) no later than 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 21, 2016.

Please note that applications for Kindergarten/Grade 1 is done by a random draw and will be limited to the number of spaces available. Siblings of students already enrolled in the Bilingual Mandarin Program at Walton will be given first priority. Please clearly identify sibling status on the application form. Late application forms will not be part of the

> A parent information meeting is planned for: Tuesday, January 12, 2016 6:00 p.m. **Walton Elementary School** 2960 Walton Ave., Coquitlam

As this is an information meeting for parents, kindly make arrangements to leave your children at home









Reggio Influenced Program Application Process

WHAT IS THE REGGIO PROGRAM?

At Meadowbrook, the Reggio Influenced approach has several guiding principles:

The Image of the Child: Children are viewed as powerful, capable and resourceful

Emergent Curriculum: Because we are a B.C. public school, we are guided by the B.C. Ministry of Education Curriculum; the delivery of this curriculum is based on the natural curiosities of children. Sometimes it will emerge from the children's interests or may also be sparked by the teacher strategically putting out a provocation to see how the children respond or by posing inquiry based questions that deepen learning and understanding.

Project Work: In-depth studies that develop out of children's ideas, questions, and interests are part of the Reggio Influenced classroom. Projects may last for short or extended periods of time and may involve individuals, small groups or the whole class. With teacher support, children choose what materials to use to support their explorations and how to research, share and re-represent their learnings.

Representational Development: The arts are important in Reggio influenced practice and are often integrated into daily activities to maximize children's development.

The Role of the Environment: Careful consideration is given to the look and feel of the classroom environment. Classrooms are organized for small, medium and large group project work and with neutral colours, natural materials and calming lighting.

Documentation: Children's learning becomes visible through regular documentation. Teachers photograph children in action and they record their words to describe their learning experience. This documentation is revisited by students, parents and teachers to assess learning and guide practice.

Parent Involvement and Sense of Community: Parents input is invited to support student engagement and learning and parents are invited to share their expertise and passions with the school community. Educators work together with children, families, and community partners/members to create a strong identity and interconnectedness that supports all learners.

Our Natural Environment: The world outside our doors is a key element of the Reggio Influenced program at Meadowbrook. Students are outdoors on a daily basis, rain or shine, to explore and learn from the richness of our natural environment.

Social Emotional Learning: The best learning emerges in the context of supportive relationships that make learning challenging, engaging and meaningful. At Meadowbrook we explicitly teach skills to help students monitor and manage their own emotions and to become aware of others' emotions.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

- •The program is located in Meadowbrook Elementary School.
- Children can be entering Kindergarten to Grade 5 in September 2016.
- Application forms will be available at the January 13, 2016 information meeting (see below) and on our website: www.sd43.
 bc.ca/Programs/Reggio beginning January 14 at 9:00 a.m.
- Completed application forms must be mailed or hand delivered (no faxes or email will be accepted) to Coquitlam School Board Office (550 Poirier St., Coquitlam V3J 6A7) no later than 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 21, 2016.

Parent Information Meeting: Meadowbrook Elementary School 900 Sharpe Street, Coquitlam Wednesday, January 13, 2016 – 6:45 p.m.



Adult Learning Opportunities

Want to Graduate?

Call our Learning Centre (CLOC) at 604-945-4211 to book an advising appointment – You might be closer to graduation than you think. We have **tuition free** courses for non-graduates*.

Need a Course or Want to Upgrade a Mark?

Class-room based and self-paced courses are available:
Accounting 11/12, Biology 11/12, Communications 11/12, Chemistry 11/12, English 11/12, Geography 12, History 12, Math 11/12 (all)
Physics 11/12, Planning 12, Social Studies 11 and more!
High School course registration opens online on December 15th for February classes. Registration for self-paced classes is ongoing. Visit www.ce43.com for account creation and registration information.

Want to Learn English?

We have free* Foundations classes to support you. Language Assessment is required prior to registration. Visit Montgomery Centre Thursday nights from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Visit **www.ce43.com** for documentation requirements.

Are you New to Canada?

We have Language Instruction for Newcomers to Canada (LINC) classes to help improve English Language skills (beginner to intermediate) and provide settlement information and support. These are free classes funded by the Canadian Government through a grant provided by Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada. Daytime and evening classes are available, and childminding is available for daytime classes.

Looking for a New Career or Want to Improve Your Skills? We offer *Continuing Studies Courses*: Accounting, Bookkeeping, Business Communications, Computerized Accounting, Digital Photography, Employment Preparation, Keyboarding, Microsoft Office, Payroll, Photoshop, Records & File Management, Special Effects Make-up & Beauty Make-up, Ten Key Number Pad, How to Get Better Grades in School, Introduction to Medical Terminology for ESL, and Spanish.

We also offer Diploma & Certificate Programs: Administrative Assistant, Building Service Worker, Computerized Accounting, Community Support Worker, Dental Receptionist, Games Studies, Health Care Assistant, Medical Office Assistant, and Beauty & Special Effects Make-up. Visit www.vocationalprograms for more information.

Visit <u>www.ce43.com</u> for locations and more information on all of our programs.

*Subject to Canadian status and BC residency requirements.



