



School District No. 43 (Coquitlam)

Program Registration Information 2023 - 2024

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Cross Catchment Application and Kindergarten Registration for the 2023-2024 school year starting in September 2023 occurs soon. Read the school and program registration information below for more details.

Kindergarten Registration for September 2023

WHEN CAN MY CHILD START KINDERGARTEN?

Children who are five years old on or before December 31, 2023 may enter school in September 2023. You may defer your child's enrolment until September 2024.

WHEN SHOULD I REGISTER MY CHILD?

Applications for Programs of Choice are held before Kindergarten Registration. Please see below.

Kindergarten Registration will be held between Tuesday, January 31, 2023 and Thursday, February 2, 2023 using the online forms on your catchment school's website.

INTERESTED IN APPLYING YOUR CHILD IN A PROGRAM OF CHOICE?

Applications for Programs of Choice - Montessori, Mandarin Bilingual, Reggio and French Immersion will be held on January 5, 2023 to January 11, 2023.

For Program of Choice application process, deadlines and online presentations, visit www.sd43.bc.ca/programs.

HOW DO I KNOW MY CHILD'S CATCHMENT SCHOOL?

All students must be registered for Kindergarten at their catchment school. Catchment is based on permanent home address.

To determine your catchment school, use the [School Locator](#) on our website.

HOW DO I APPLY FOR CROSS CATCHMENT FOR MY CHILD?

All Kindergarten students must be registered for Kindergarten at their catchment school before completing a Cross Catchment application. Applications for cross catchment transfers will be accepted between Friday, February 3, 2023 at 9:00 am to Wednesday, February 8, 2023 to 4:00 pm.

Kindergarten students who have a sibling at a school outside their catchment will be accepted at the sibling's school (provided the sibling will still be in attendance the following school year) and are requested to register at their sibling's school between Tuesday, January 31, 2023 and Thursday, February 2, 2023. Therefore, Kindergarten parents do not need to fill out a Cross Catchment application verifying sibling status. The exception to this is for a Program of Choice. Parents must complete the online Kindergarten Programs of Choice application for siblings to attend the same program.

Kindergarten children with siblings in a Program of Choice must still apply online.

CAN I USE MY CHILDCARE FACILITY ADDRESS TO DETERMINE MY CHILD'S CATCHMENT SCHOOL?

No. According to the School Act, enrolment can only be based on the home address.

WHAT DOCUMENTS ARE REQUIRED FOR REGISTERING MY CHILD?

View the "Funding Eligibility Checklist" for documentation required for registration at www.sd43.bc.ca/kindergartenregistration

ARE YOU A NON-RESIDENT OF CANADA?

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



Cross Catchment Process (All Grades)

Parents sometimes wish for their children to attend a school that is not their catchment school. In such cases, a Cross Catchment application is required after registering at their catchment school. School District 43 uses a random draw process for Cross Catchment applications (using in-district priority, then out-of-district).

If enrolment projections show that space is available, Cross Catchment transfer applications will be accepted in accordance with the following priorities: 1) sibling of a child who will be in attendance at the Cross Catchment school in the following year; 2) a child residing within the SD43 residential boundaries (could include private or homeschool) and 3) non-school district resident child.

The [School Locator](#) tool on our website provides a student's designated catchment area school.

All Kindergarten students must be registered for Kindergarten at their catchment school between Tuesday, January 31, 2023 and Thursday, February 2, 2023 using the online form on their catchment school website. Cross Catchment applications may only be completed after registration at catchment schools.

Grades 1-12 students, who have a sibling at a school outside their catchment, will be accepted at the sibling's school (provided the sibling will be in attendance when the student begins at the out-of-catchment school). Parents still need to complete the Cross Catchment application confirming sibling status.

Kindergarten students who have a sibling at a school outside their catchment will be accepted at the sibling's school (provided the sibling will be in attendance when the student begins at the out-of-catchment school) and are requested to register for their sibling's school between Tuesday, January 31, 2023 and Thursday, February 2, 2023. Therefore, Kindergarten parents do not need to fill out a Cross Catchment application verifying sibling status. The exception to this is for a Program of Choice. Parents must complete the online Kindergarten Programs of Choice application for siblings to attend the same program. Kindergarten children with siblings in a Program of Choice must still apply online.

HOW CAN I APPLY FOR CROSS CATCHMENT?

Cross Catchment application forms can be accessed online at www.sd43.bc.ca between Friday, February 3, 2023 at 9:00 am to Wednesday, February 8, 2023 to 4:00 pm.

Coast Salish Elementary School will consider families from the Smiling Creek Elementary School and Leigh Elementary School catchment areas as a first priority for cross catchment acceptance.

To learn more about Cross Catchment and Kindergarten Registration, please visit our website: www.sd43.bc.ca

School District No. 43 (Coquitlam) Program Registration Information 2023 - 2024

Early French Immersion Program (Kindergarten Entry)

WHAT IS EARLY FRENCH IMMERSION?

- Early French Immersion is a Program of Choice offered by School District No. 43 (Coquitlam) at the Kindergarten to Grade 12 level at the following elementary schools: *Coquitlam River, Mary Hill, Irvine, Nestor, Glenayre, Panorama Heights, Kilmer, Porter Street, Rochester, Westwood.*
- The Early French Immersion Program offers all students whose first language is not French the possibility of completing the prescribed B.C. curriculum and learn French at the same time.
- From Kindergarten to the end of Grade 3, all instruction is in French with English Language Arts beginning in Grade 4.
- Students also expand their cultural horizons and the program helps prepare students for the global economy.

APPLICATION PROCESS

- **Applications for Early French Immersion are to be completed online at www.sd43.bc.ca between Thursday, January 5, 2023 at 9:00 am to Wednesday, January 11, 2023 at 4:00 pm.**
- Students entering Grade 1 (currently in Kindergarten) wishing to enroll should contact Sophie Bergeron at 604-937-6392 and should not apply online.

Late French Immersion Program (Grade 6 Entry)

WHAT IS LATE FRENCH IMMERSION?

- Late French Immersion is a Program of Choice offered by School District No. 43 (Coquitlam) at the Grades 6 to 8 levels at the following middle schools: *Citadel, Moody Middle and Montgomery*
- The Late French Immersion Program provides students with instructions in both English and French and offers all students whose first language is not French the possibility of completing the prescribed B.C. curriculum and learn French at the same time.
- Late French Immersion students merge with the French Immersion Program for Grades 9-12.
- This program helps students develop strong communication skills in both English and French.
- Students also expand their cultural horizons and the program helps prepare students for the global economy.

APPLICATION PROCESS

- **Applications for Late French Immersion are to be completed online at www.sd43.bc.ca between Thursday, January 5, 2023 at 9:00 am to Wednesday, January 11, 2023 at 4:00 pm.**
- For further information about Early or Late French Immersion, please contact Sophie Bergeron at 604-937-6392.

Early Montessori Program

WHAT IS EARLY MONTESSORI?

- Early Montessori is a Program of Choice offered by School District No. 43 (Coquitlam) at the Kindergarten to Grade 5 level at the following elementary schools: *Aspenwood, Baker Drive, Hampton Park, Harbour View, Miller Park, James Park and Seaview.*
- 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 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 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

- **Applications for Early Montessori are to be completed online at www.sd43.bc.ca between Thursday, January 5, 2023 at 9:00 am to Wednesday, January 11, 2023 at 4:00 pm.**
- Students entering Grade 1 (currently in Kindergarten) wishing to enroll should contact the school directly and should not apply online.

Late Montessori Program

WHAT IS LATE MONTESSORI?

- Late Montessori is a Program of Choice offered by School District No. 43 (Coquitlam) at the Grades 6 to 8 levels at the following middle schools: *Montgomery and Scott Creek.*
- The Late Montessori Program provides a rich learning environment for students. It is based on Montessori principles and fulfills the expectations of the Ministry of Education.
- 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 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.
- 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.

APPLICATION PROCESS

- **Applications for Late Montessori are to be completed online at www.sd43.bc.ca between Thursday, January 5, 2023 at 9:00 am to Wednesday, January 11, 2023 at 4:00 pm.**

- Children entering Kindergarten in September 2023 and are interested in any of the Programs of Choice must apply online at www.sd43.bc.ca.
- Kindergarten children with siblings in the program must still apply online at www.sd43.bc.ca and will be given highest priority (provided the sibling will still be in attendance the following school year) if space is available.
- Applications will be processed on a **RANDOM DRAW BASIS**.

Visit www.sd43.bc.ca/programs to watch the online presentations, application process and priorities for placements about our Elementary & Middle Programs of Choice.

Mandarin Bilingual Program

WHAT IS THE MANDARIN BILINGUAL PROGRAM?

- Mandarin Bilingual is a Program of Choice offered by School District No. 43 (Coquitlam) at the Kindergarten to Grade 5 level at *Walton Elementary School*, at Grades 6 to 8 at *Scott Creek Middle* and Grades 9 -12 at *Gleneagle Secondary School*.
- The Mandarin Bilingual Program provides students with instruction in both English and Mandarin.
- Regardless of their first language, the elementary program offers all students the possibility of completing 50 per cent 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 their knowledge of other cultures and the program helps prepare students for the global economy.

APPLICATION PROCESS

- Children entering Kindergarten in September 2023 must apply through the Programs of Choice online registration system at www.sd43.bc.ca.
- **Applications for Mandarin Bilingual are to be completed online at www.sd43.bc.ca between Thursday, January 5, 2023 at 9:00 am to Wednesday, January 11, 2023 at 4:00 pm.**
- Applications for Kindergarten are done by **random draw** and will be limited to the number of spaces available.
- Kindergarten children with siblings in a Program of Choice must apply online. Siblings of students already enrolled in the Mandarin Bilingual Program at Walton Elementary School will be given first priority. Please clearly identify sibling status on the online application form.
- Students entering Grade 1 (currently in Kindergarten) wishing to enroll should contact school directly and should not apply online.

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Reggio Influenced Program

WHAT IS THE REGGIO PROGRAM?

- The Reggio Program is a Program of Choice offered by School District No. 43 (Coquitlam) at the Kindergarten to Grade 5 level at *Meadowbrook Elementary*.
- The Reggio vision is of an 'education based on relationships'. Our educational philosophy at Meadowbrook focuses on the individual child in relationship with the family, other children, staff, the school environment and society. These relationships are interconnected and reciprocal.
- It is an approach to education that encourages children and their teachers to explore, question, discover and acquire skills of critical thinking and collaboration in beautiful, stimulating environments.
- Children express interests and ideas, research for further information, reflect on the experience and form conclusions. Through this process, children develop the confidence and independence with encouragement from parents, teachers and community members.
- The Reggio approach is not a formal approach like Montessori with defined methods, teacher certification standards and accreditation processes.

WHY REGGIO INFLUENCED?

- Models personalized learning through emergent curriculum and responsive teaching practice.
- Supports student engagement and self-regulation.
- Involves parents and community as true partners in supportive learning.
- Honours all children by building on their gifts and strengths.
- Builds and supports collaborative practice between children, teachers and parents.

APPLICATION PROCESS

- Catchment area children entering Kindergarten September 2023 should register during Kindergarten registration directly at the school between Tuesday, January 31, 2023 and Thursday, February 2, 2023.
- Non-catchment area children entering Kindergarten should apply through the Programs of Choice online registration system at www.sd43.bc.ca between Thursday, January 5, 2023 at 9:00 am to Wednesday, January 11, 2023 at 4:00 pm.
- All other non-catchment area students currently in Kindergarten to Grade 4 should contact the school and apply online at www.sd43.bc.ca during the Cross Catchment application process between February 3, 2023 at 9:00 am to Wednesday, February 8, 2023 to 4:00 pm.