

School District No. 43 (Coquitlam) Program Registration Information 2020 - 2021

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Cross Catchment Application and Kindergarten Registration for the 2020-2021 school year starting in September 2020 occurs soon. Read the school and program registration information below for more details.



Cross Catchment Application Process 2020–2021

Parents can apply for a school outside of their catchment school. Approval of applications is based on availability of space and facilities.

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 on February 3, 4 or 5, 2020 before completing a Cross Catchment Application.

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 still be in attendance the following school year) and are requested to register at the sibling's school on February 3, 4 or 5, 2020. 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 Thursday, February 6, 2020, 9 a.m. to Wednesday, February 12, 2020, 4 p.m.

Smiling Creek Elementary School will only consider cross-catchment applications from families in the Leigh Elementary School catchment area who reside east of Kingston Street & North of David Avenue.

Applications will be processed based on the availability of space in schools and on a random draw process (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: (i) catchment area child; (ii) non-catchment area child; and (iii) non-school district child.

Kindergarten Registration for September 2020

WHEN CAN MY CHILD START KINDERGARTEN?

Children who are five years old on or before December 31, 2020 may enter school in September 2020. You may defer your child's enrolment until September 2021.

WHEN SHOULD I REGISTER MY CHILD?

Kindergarten registration (except for Programs of Choice - Montessori, Mandarin Bilingual, Reggio and French Immersion) within School District No. 43 (Coquitlam) will be held from February 3 to 5, 2020 in all elementary schools.

INTERESTED IN REGISTERING YOUR CHILD IN ONE OF OUR PROGRAMS OF CHOICE?

Visit www.sd43.bc.ca/programs for more information, including application deadlines and parent information meeting locations.

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 February 6 to February 12, 2020.

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 the sibling's school on February 3, 4 or 5, 2020. 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 found at www.sd43.bc.ca/programs.

ARE YOU A NON-RESIDENT?

Please contact the International Education Department at 604-936-5769 or visit 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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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 and Glen.
- 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 2, 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

- Children entering Kindergarten September 2020 must apply through the Programs of Choice online registration system at www.sd43.bc.ca.
- **Applications for Early French Immersion are to be completed online at www.sd43.bc.ca between Thursday, January 16, 2020 at 9 a.m. to Wednesday, January 22, 2020 at 4 p.m.**
- Kindergarten children with siblings in a Program of Choice must still apply online.
- Space is limited. Application will be processed based on a **RANDOM DRAW PROCESS**.
- Students entering Grade 1 wishing to enroll should contact Sophie Bergeron at 604-937-6392

Early French Immersion - Parent Information Meeting
Monday, January 13, 2020
7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Como Lake Middle School
1121 King Albert Avenue, Coquitlam



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 level 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.
- 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 Friday, January 17, 2020 at 9 a.m. to Thursday, January 23, 2020 at 4 p.m.
- Space is limited and a random draw will be used if necessary.

Late French Immersion - Parent Information Meeting
Tuesday, January 14, 2020
7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Montgomery Middle School
1900 Edgewood Avenue, Coquitlam

For further information about Early or Late French Immersion, please contact Sophie Bergeron at 604-937-6392.

All parents are encouraged to attend the Parent Information Meeting to learn about the different programs of choice.

As the information meeting is for parents/ guardians, kindly make arrangements to leave your children at home.

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 for the 2020/2021 school year 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

- Children entering Kindergarten September 2020 must apply through the Programs of Choice online registration system at www.sd43.bc.ca.
- **Applications for Early Montessori are to be completed online at www.sd43.bc.ca between Thursday, January 16, 2020 at 9 a.m. to Wednesday, January 22, 2020 at 4 p.m.**
- Applications for Kindergarten are 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.
- Kindergarten children with siblings in the program will be given highest priority (provided the sibling will still be in attendance the following school year) and must still apply online.
- Students entering Grade 1 wishing to enroll should contact the school directly.

Early Montessori - Parent Information Meeting
Thursday, January 9, 2020
4 p.m. to 5 p.m. or 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Winslow Centre (Gallery Room)
1100 Winslow Avenue, Coquitlam

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 level 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 Friday, January 17, 2020 at 9 a.m. to Thursday, January 23, 2020 at 4 p.m.**

Late Montessori - Parent Information Meeting
Wednesday, January 15, 2020
7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Scott Creek Middle School
1240 Lansdowne Drive, Coquitlam

To learn more about the French Immersion and Montessori Program, please visit:
www.sd43.bc.ca/programs

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 September 2020 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 16, 2020 at 9 a.m. to Wednesday, January 22, 2020 at 4 p.m.
- Applications for Kindergarten are 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.
- 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 the school directly and should not apply online.

Mandarin Bilingual - Parent Information Meeting

Wednesday, January 15, 2020

6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Walton Elementary School

2960 Walton Avenue, Coquitlam

All parents are encouraged to attend the Parent Information Meeting to learn about the different Programs of Choice.

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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 2020 should register during Kindergarten registration directly at the school, Monday, February 3, 2020 to Wednesday, February 5, 2020.
- Non-catchment area children entering Kindergarten should apply through the Programs of Choice online registration system at www.sd43.bc.ca starting Thursday, January 16, 2020 at 9 a.m. to Wednesday, January 22, 2020 at 4 p.m.
- 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 process, February 6 to 12, 2020.

Reggio Influenced - Parent Information Meeting

Tuesday, January 14, 2020

6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Meadowbrook Elementary School

900 Sharpe Street, Coquitlam