



# 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 2017 - 2018

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 at [www.sd43.bc.ca](http://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](http://www.sd43.bc.ca) beginning **February 3 at 9 a.m.** The process will close on **February 9 at 4:30 p.m.** Application requirements can be found on our website.

Paper forms will also be available at all schools and the district office as of February 3 at 9 a.m. All completed paper applications must be returned in-person or by mail to the district office at 550 Poirier Street, Coquitlam, V3J 6A7 by the closing date. **Faxed or emailed copies will not be accepted.**

The **School Locator** tool on our website provides a student's designated catchment area schools. Catchment is based on home address.

## Kindergarten Registration for September 2017

### WHEN CAN MY CHILD START KINDERGARTEN?

Children who are five years old on or before December 31, 2017 may enter school in September 2017. You may defer your child's enrolment until September 2018.

### 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 **January 31 to February 2, 2017** 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/programs](http://www.sd43.bc.ca/programs) 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, use 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 3, 2017 with a deadline of February 9, 2017** (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?** No. 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 and child (one of the following): Birth certificate; Passport; PR Card; Canadian Citizenship Card.
- Proof of B.C. residency for parent (one of the following): rental contract, property purchase contract, income tax statement, property tax statement. (And two of the following): utility bill; B.C. driver's license; B.C. vehicle registration; Canadian bank or credit card statement; B.C ID.
- Proof of Guardianship (if applicable): Contact your neighbourhood school or refer to the 'Funding Eligibility Checklist' provided on the school's website.

### NON-RESIDENTS

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).

To learn more about these and other programs visit our website: [www.sd43.bc.ca/programs](http://www.sd43.bc.ca/programs)



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## French Immersion Application Process

**WHY CHOOSE FRENCH IMMERSION FOR YOUR CHILD?**  
Expand 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.
  - Expands cultural horizons and helps prepare students for the global economy.

### KINDERGARTEN ENTRY

If you are considering **Early French Immersion** in September 2017, it is recommended that you attend an information meeting to learn about the program. Early French Immersion begins at the following elementary schools: Coquitlam River, Glen, Glenayre, Irvine, Kilmer, Mary Hill, Nestor, Panorama Heights, Porter Street and Rochester. Parent Information Meetings will take place at:

Rochester Elementary (Coquitlam) Tuesday, January 3 at 7 p.m.  
Kilmer Elementary (Port Coquitlam) Wednesday, January 4 at 7 p.m.

**Applications for Early French Immersion are to be completed online from January 12 to 18, 2017. Application forms will only be available online from January 12 at 9 a.m. to January 18 at 4:30 p.m. Space is limited and a draw (lottery) will be used, if necessary.**

### LATE ENTRY (GRADE 6)

If you are considering **Late French Immersion** in September 2017, it is recommended that you attend an information meeting to learn about the program. Late French Immersion is available at the following middle schools: Banting, Moody and Pitt River.

Parent Information Meetings will take place at:  
Pitt River Middle (Port Coquitlam) Monday, January 9 at 7 p.m.  
Moody Middle (Port Coquitlam) Tuesday, January 10 at 7 p.m.  
Banting Middle (Coquitlam) Wednesday, January 11 at 7 p.m.

**Applications for Late French Immersion are to be completed online from January 13 to 19, 2017. Application forms will only be available online from January 13 at 9 a.m. to January 19 at 4:30 p.m. Space is limited and a draw (lottery) will be used, if necessary.**

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

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## Late 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. See **Early Montessori Program** for info on Grade K-5.
- 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.

**Late Montessori is available at Montgomery Middle School and Scott Creek Middle School.**

### Parent Information Meeting:

Wednesday, January 11, 2017 at 7 p.m.  
Scott Creek Middle School  
1240 Lansdowne Drive, Coquitlam  
Application forms will be available at the information meeting on January 11, or online at [www.sd43.bc.ca/programs/montessori](http://www.sd43.bc.ca/programs/montessori) on January 12.  
**Registration deadline is 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 19, 2017. Applications must be delivered directly to the school.**  
For further information, contact Montgomery Middle Principal Rob McFaul (604-939-7367; [Montgomery@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:Montgomery@sd43.bc.ca)) or Scott Creek Middle Principal Rob Foot (604-945-0156; [scottcreek@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:scottcreek@sd43.bc.ca)).

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## Mandarin Bilingual Program Application Process

- WHAT IS THE MANDARIN BILINGUAL PROGRAM?**
- Mandarin Bilingual is a program of choice offered by School District No. 43 (Coquitlam) at the Kindergarten through Grade 5 level for the 2017/2018 school year and is located at Walton Elementary School.
  - This program will include Grade 6 and 7 at Scott Creek Middle for the 2017/2018 school year.
  - Regardless of their first language, the 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 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 2017.
- Application forms will be available at the January 10, 2017 information meeting (see below) at Walton Elementary School, and on the district website: [www.sd43.bc.ca/programs/mandarin](http://www.sd43.bc.ca/programs/mandarin) on January 11, 2017 at 9 a.m.
- Completed application forms must be delivered to the district office (650 Poirier Street, Coquitlam V3J 6A7) by no later than **4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 18, 2017 for the Grade K-5 program at Walton Elementary. Emailed copies are accepted.**
- Completed application forms must be delivered to Scott Creek Middle (1240 Lansdowne Drive, Coquitlam V3E 3E7) by no later than **4:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 19, 2017 for the Grade 6-7 program at Scott Creek Middle. Faxed or emailed copies will not be accepted.**

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 Mandarin Bilingual 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 draw.**

**Parent Information Meeting:**  
Tuesday, January 10, 2017 at 6 p.m.  
Walton Elementary School  
2960 Walton Avenue, Coquitlam

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## Reggio Influenced Program Application Process

### WHAT IS THE REGGIO PROGRAM?

At Meadowbrook Elementary School, 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 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:** Parent input is invited to support student engagement and learning, and parents are invited to share their expertise and passion 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. 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. We 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 2017.
- Application forms will be available at the information meeting (see below) or online at [www.sd43.bc.ca/programs/reggio](http://www.sd43.bc.ca/programs/reggio) beginning January 10 at 9 a.m.
- Completed application forms must be mailed or hand-delivered to the district office (550 Poirier St., Coquitlam V3J 6A7) no later than **4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 18, 2017. Emailed copies are accepted.**

**Parent Information Meeting:**  
Monday, January 9, 2017 at 6 p.m.  
Meadowbrook Elementary School  
900 Sharpe Street, Coquitlam



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**We have FREE\* English Language classes to support you.** A Language Assessment is required prior to registration. The Language Assessments are held at Montgomery Centre on Thursday nights from 3:30 p.m. Visit [www.ce43.com](http://www.ce43.com) for more information, exact times, fees and documentation requirements.

**We have FREE\* 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. Visit [www.ce43.com](http://www.ce43.com) for more information about testing centre locations.

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