



Bilingual Mandarin Program

Application Process

WHAT IS THE BILINGUAL MANDARIN PROGRAM?

- Bilingual Mandarin is a program of choice offered by School District No. 43 (Coquitlam) at the Kindergarten through Grade 4 level for the 2014/2015 school year and is located at Walton Elementary School.
- 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 2014.
- Application forms will be available at the January 14, 2014 information meeting (see below) at Walton Elementary School, and on the district website: [www.sd43.bc.ca/Programs/Mandarin Bilingual](http://www.sd43.bc.ca/Programs/Mandarin%20Bilingual) on January 15, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.
- 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 pm on Wednesday, January 22, 2014.**

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 draw.**

A parent information meeting is planned for:

Tuesday, January 14, 2014

6:30 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.

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 43 (COQUITLAM)