

**School District No. 42**  
**September 2011 | Full-Day Kindergarten**  
**Key Messages / Frequently Asked Questions**

*The B.C. Ministry of Education is providing universal access to full-day kindergarten (FDK) for all kindergarten students in September 2011.*

**1. When are children eligible for kindergarten in British Columbia?**

Children who reach their 5<sup>th</sup> birthday within a calendar year are eligible to enrol in kindergarten in September of that year. For example, a child whose birthday is between January 1 and December 31, 2011, enrol in September 2011 in kindergarten.

**2. When and where can I register for kindergarten ?**

General kindergarten registration for September 2011 begins February 7. Registration for choice programs (French Immersion, Montessori and Year round calendar) starts January 31. Details about registration requirements and school catchment areas are available on the district website at [www.sd42.ca](http://www.sd42.ca), or contact your neighbourhood school.

**3. Can I register for Kindergarten at any District school?**

All parents are required to register at their catchment school, even if that is not the school they wish to attend. The registration form provides a space for parents to indicate their first two schools of choice. Your child *may* be able to attend another school (outside your own catchment) *if space is available*. Space availability will be determined by the following criteria.

1. In catchment
2. In catchment daycare or out of catchment with siblings
3. Out of catchment without siblings
4. Out of district with siblings
5. Out of district without siblings

If you live out of district and would like to register your child in School District 42 please register at the Board office 22225 Brown Ave. The criteria listed above will be used to determine whether your child will be accepted into your school of choice

**4. How is Full Day Kindergarten funded?**

Government has committed \$151 million dollars over two years in support of Full Day Kindergarten. In classrooms that have not been used for Kindergarten before will be fully equipped.

**5. What if I have concerns about my child's success entering kindergarten?**

Contact your school principal if you have any concerns or questions about the needs of your kindergarten child.

**6. Where can I find information about the benefits of full day kindergarten?**

The [Early Childhood Learning Agency report](#) (PDF, 107KB) on the feasibility of expanding early learning in British Columbia provides information on the importance of quality

kindergarten and pre-kindergarten, and includes research associated with these findings. The report is found at the following link

[http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/ecla/topics/ecla\\_report.pdf](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/ecla/topics/ecla_report.pdf)

**7. Is there a new curriculum for full day kindergarten?**

A longer instructional day will enable kindergarten teachers to provide more opportunities for learning and success. The expanded kindergarten program will be play-based and designed to address all areas of child development: physical, social, emotional, language and cognitive.

The current Prescribed Learning Outcomes for kindergarten (PDF, 650KB) will remain in place for full day kindergarten.

The ideas contained in the Primary Program: A Framework for Teaching (PDF, 4.6MB) will support teachers in designing and delivering full day kindergarten programs. The Primary Program reflects an understanding that children learn through active engagement and play.

**8. How will my child be supervised at recess and lunch?**

To insure the comfort and safety of kindergarten children each school team develops an on-going flexible plan for supervision, eating and outdoor play. The goal is for kindergarten children to be participating fully with the school community during the school year.

**9. Do kindergarten children start full day attendance at the beginning of the school year?**

Each school develops a gradual entry plan that will be shared with you at kindergarten orientation.