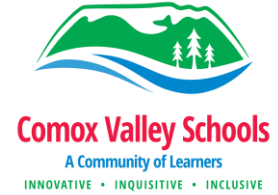


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Kindergarten Registration Opens District-wide in February

COMOX, VALLEY B.C. – Kindergarten registration for children entering the public education school system for the 2020 - 2021 school year will take place between February 11th and 21st.

Now is the time to consider which program is best for your child.

To help parents and guardians make an informed choice about a Kindergarten program, the District will host an information session January 29th at 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Queneesh Elementary (2345 Mission Road, Courtenay).

During the information session, parents and guardians will learn about each of the kindergarten programs offered in the district and will have an opportunity to speak with educators about each of these options:

- Neighbourhood (the kindergarten program in your neighbourhood school);
- Early French Immersion;
- Navigate (NIDES) Compass Program;
- Navigate (NIDES) Fine Arts eCademy (FAE);
- Indigenous; and
- Montessori.

To be eligible for enrolment into Kindergarten, a child must be five (5) years of age by 31 December. A child's birth certificate and proof of residency in the Comox Valley must be presented at time of registration. CareCards will not be accepted as proof of birth but need to be presented at time of registration. A Passport or Landed Immigrant authorization are suitable forms of documentation in lieu of birth certificates.

Detailed registration procedures for the various programs are as follows:

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Neighbourhood School

Parents/guardians are asked to register their children at their current neighbourhood school on February 19, 20 or 21 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. To determine your neighbourhood school visit <https://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/schools/> click on School Locator.

French Immersion

Registration for French Immersion at Ecole Puntledge Park Elementary or at Ecole Robb Road Elementary will take place during two separate time frames. For families who do not currently have a child registered in school, registration take place February 18, 19 and 20 from 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Registration for siblings of students currently enrolled in either Early or Late French Immersion program is on February 11, 12 and 13 from 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

navigate (NIDES) Compass Program Kindergarten and the Fine Arts eCademy (FAe) Kindergarten

Registration for the all Navigate (NIDES) programs is completed online. The registration form will become active on 12 February. Inquiries can be forwarded to dwayne.mills@sd71.bc.ca

Indigenous Kindergarten/Grade 1

The program is based on cultural teachings and the Ministry of Education curriculum for First Nation, Metis or Inuit students. Although preference will be given to Indigenous students, non-Indigenous children may apply.

Registration for Indigenous Kindergarten is at Ecole Puntledge Park between February 19, 20 and 21 from 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Registration for siblings of students currently enrolled in the Indigenous Kindergarten/Grade 1 program is at Ecole Puntledge Park February 11th from 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Montessori Kindergarten

Registration for this program is on February 12 and 13 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Registration for siblings of students currently enrolled in Montessori is February 11th from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

For families interested in learning about Montessori there will be an Open House at Queneesh February 6th at 6:00 pm. Contact the school at 250-334-4089 for further information.

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For information visit <https://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/schools/> click on Student Registration

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