

**Registration for Kindergarten for 2023/2024 School Year  
Frequently Asked Questions  
Important information for School District No. 71 (Comox Valley) Families**

**What are my choices for Kindergarten for my child?**

The following programs are available for Kindergarten:

- Neighbourhood (the Kindergarten program in your neighbourhood school);
- Early French Immersion (located at Ecole Puntledge Park and Ecole Robb Road);
- Indigenous (located at Ecole Puntledge Park);
- Montessori (located at Queneesh and Courtenay Elementary);
- Navigate (NIDES) Compass Program;
- Navigate (NIDES) Fine Arts eCademy (FAe).

**What is the registration process for Kindergarten?**

[www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/childergarten-registration](http://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/childergarten-registration) has all the information you need about registration. Online registration requires a computer (not a cell phone or tablet). Registration forms will not successfully submit without all required information.

**Can I register in person?**

All registration is done online. No registrations will be accepted at schools.

**When can a family register for Kindergarten?**

French Immersion, Montessori and Indigenous program registration begins Tuesday January 10, 2023 at 6:00 pm and is on a first come first serve.

Neighbourhood School registration begins Monday January 16, 2023.

FAe and Compass registration starts Wednesday February 1, 2023.

**What do I do if my child is on a waitlist for a program?**

If you are placed on a waitlist, please register at your neighborhood school to ensure a placement. You will be contacted by the choice school if a spot opens up.

**My child has complex needs. How do I register them for kindergarten?**

After you have registered your child through the online registration process, please request a meeting with the support team at the school, or contact Tracy Pederson, District Principal – Inclusive Education 250-339-0922. More information can be found here: [Kindergarten Families with Special Needs Children.pdf](#)

**Will it be possible to visit my child's school prior to the start up next fall?**

All our programs hold a Welcome to Kindergarten event at the school in the spring for families.

**Where is my Neighbourhood school?**

Go to <https://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/> Go to the Schools tab and then School Locator.

**What is gradual entry?**

- Kindergarten students will have a gradual entry into school – shorter blocks of time working up to a full day by Wednesday September 13th.
- Through the gradual entry process your child's initial contact with the school environment will be positive and the transition from home and/or pre-school to school will be smoother.
- Shortened sessions with a smaller group of children provide the teacher an opportunity to get to know the children and to introduce them to their new environment in a personal way.
- For a variety of reasons, children need different lengths of time to adjust to group situations. Positive social interaction can be facilitated and encouraged by beginning in a smaller group.

**Who do I contact if I have other Kindergarten registration questions?**

For further information, please contact the individual school or email [kindergartenreg@sd71.bc.ca](mailto:kindergartenreg@sd71.bc.ca)