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### **Kindergarten registration opening for 2023-2024 school year**

**COMOX VALLEY, B.C.** – Kindergarten registration for children entering the public education school system for the 2023 - 2024 school year opens January 10 for Indigenous, French Immersion and Montessori programs. Registration for neighbourhood schools opens January 16. Navigate Fine Arts eCademy and Compass program registration opens February 1.

To be eligible for enrolment into Kindergarten a child must be five (5) years of age by December 31, 2023.

#### **Indigenous, French immersion and Montessori**

Registration for the Indigenous, French Immersion and Montessori programs opens January 10 at 6:00 p.m. These programs include Early French Immersion (École Robb Road or École Puntledge Park) or the Montessori program (Queneesh or Courtenay Elementary) or the Indigenous program (École Puntledge Park). Placements are on a first come, first served basis in the order received. Siblings of current students in the programs will have priority.

#### **Neighbourhood Schools**

Most students will attend their neighbourhood school. To determine your neighbourhood school visit [www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/kindergarten-registration](http://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/kindergarten-registration) and click on School Locator. Parents/guardians are asked to register their children at their current neighbourhood school beginning on January 16. Registering will help ensure there is a spot available in the local neighbourhood school catchment.

#### **Late French Immersion – École Puntledge Park**

Registration for late French Immersion will begin at 6:00 p.m. on February 6. Late French Immersion begins in Grade 6. There is an information session for current Grade 5 students and their families to learn about the program on January 26 at 6:30 p.m. at the school.

**Navigate (NIDES) Compass Program Kindergarten and the Fine Arts eCademy (Fae) Kindergarten**

Registration for the Fine Arts eCademy and Compass opens online at [www.navigatenides.com](http://www.navigatenides.com) February 1. There will be an open house at the Tsolum Campus on January 27 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. for both Compass and Fine Arts eCademy Programs. Registration and program entry for students for the Fine Arts eCademy is based on a lottery system, not first come first serve.

**Program Information**

Now is the time to consider which program is best for your child. For more information visit: <https://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/kindergarten-registration/>

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