

How do I... REGISTER?

The first step for **EVERYONE** is to **REGISTER** at your neighbourhood English catchment school — *regardless of whether you plan to send your child there or not.*

★ Find your neighbourhood English catchment school at:

www.vsb.bc.ca/school-locator



If your child was born outside of Canada, you need to go to the VSB **District Reception & Placement Centre (DRPC)** and complete the initial Kindergarten registration there.

If you are planning to attend your neighbourhood English catchment school, you are all done. Now you can prepare for your child's exciting first day of Kindergarten.

For more information on General Kindergarten Admission visit: www.vsb.bc.ca/kindergarten

NOTE: In a few cases, your neighbourhood English catchment school will not have space for all catchment students. In these cases, there will be a lottery for student placement in early February and you will then hear back from the school.

CHOICE PROGRAMS

- ★ French Immersion
- ★ Mandarin Bilingual
- ★ Aboriginal Focus
- ★ Montessori
- ★ International Baccalaureate
- ★ Fine Arts

www.vsb.bc.ca/programs

APPLYING for a CHOICE PROGRAM.



If you are planning to apply for Choice Program(s) after you register at your neighborhood English catchment school you need to wait until early January when you will receive a **Personal Education Number (PEN)** for your child via email. Once you have received your PEN, you can go **online starting January 10** and apply for up to three choice programs through our new online application process. The application period closes at the end of January.

Apply for a **CHOICE PROGRAM** at www.vsb.bc.ca/kchoice

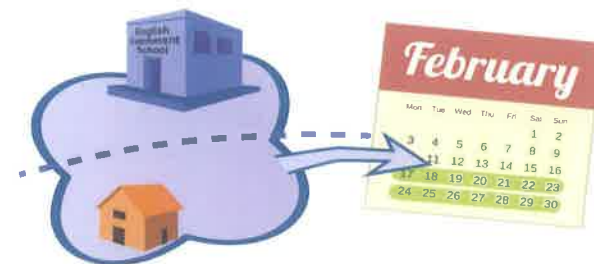
By late February you should hear back from the school about whether you have a space in the school or program.

If the school or program you wish to attend is very popular, there may be a lottery for student placement. You will be given a formal offer of a space in a Kindergarten choice program or an indication of where you are on the waitlist.

If you have not heard back by late February, please contact the principal of your local neighborhood English catchment school and they will help you find out about your child's application status.

CROSS BOUNDARY APPLICATION

What if I want to apply for a school in another catchment area?



If you are interested in having your child attend an English school that is not your neighbourhood English catchment school, you may want to consider our cross-boundary application process which **begins February 15** and **ends March 1**.

If you are applying outside your neighborhood catchment area, it is important for you to know that your child will only be considered once all other in-catchment students have been considered.



Kindergarten Registration

WHAT DO PARENTS NEED TO KNOW ?

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

November – January 31
for children who will begin
school the following September.

The Vancouver School Board is proud to offer a wide range of educational options for all different types of learners in addition to excellent neighbourhood English language schools.

Some of the other programs of choice we provide include French Immersion, Mandarin Bilingual, Aboriginal Focus, Montessori, International Baccalaureate, and Fine Arts programs.

You can explore all of these Choice Programs on our website at www.vsb.bc.ca/programs.

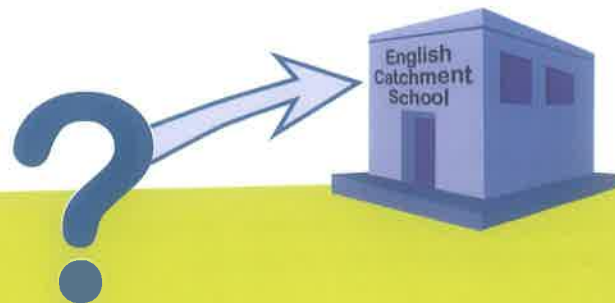


WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?

If you need help or have questions about Kindergarten registration:

Visit www.vsb.bc.ca/kindergarten

As always, if you have any troubles with this registration process or the new online Choice Program application process, feel free to contact your neighbourhood English catchment school. They will be happy to help you through the process.



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