

KINDERGARTEN FAQ

for caregivers

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR KINDERGARTEN?

If your child will be five years old by December 31st of the current year, they can start kindergarten in September.

WHEN CAN I REGISTER (APPLY)?

Registration for the current school year is open. Registration opens every January for the next school year.

AT WHICH SCHOOL SHOULD I REGISTER (APPLY)?

Students typically register at the school that serves the neighbourhood where they live (also known as the *catchment area*).

Visit spsd.sk.ca/our-schools to type in your address and identify the elementary schools serving your neighbourhood.

WHEN WILL I HEAR CONFIRMATION OF MY CHILD'S KINDERGARTEN ENROLLMENT?

The school team will confirm your child's program placement (e.g. full day, every day or half day or other) by the end of May.

WHAT OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE FOR KINDERGARTEN?

Saskatoon Public Schools offers many kindergarten programs, including:

- half day, every day
- full day, every other day
- full day, every day (supported by the SPSF)
- French immersion
- Michif Early Learning Program
- Nêhiyâwiwin Cree Language and Culture
- Montessori Casa
- Nature-Based Learning

Please check with the school to confirm program offerings.

HOW DO I REGISTER (APPLY) FOR FULL-DAY KINDERGARTEN?

The Saskatoon Public Schools Foundation supports full-day, every day programming in 25 schools throughout the city.



Spaces within programs are limited and students are selected through an **application process**.

Applications are reviewed by a school team and priority is given to children:

- who reside in the school catchment (neighbourhood), who attend a childcare facility in the catchment area or who have a sibling attending the school
- who require additional time to develop kindergarten readiness skills

Families wishing to apply for a full day, every day kindergarten program can apply online when registering.

WHEN WILL I KNOW IF MY CHILD IS ACCEPTED TO FULL DAY, EVERY DAY KINDERGARTEN?

The school team will review all applications in spring and confirm placement in the full day kindergarten program by the end of May. If the program is full, you will be contacted to discuss other options.

IS TRANSPORTATION AVAILABLE?

Contact your school to find out if transportation is available for your location. When a student qualifies for transportation, parents/ caregivers register for transportation through the school. There is no midday bus service (pick-up or drop-off).

MY CHILD HAS INTENSIVE NEEDS AND/OR A DIAGNOSIS. WHAT PROGRAMMING OPTIONS AND/OR SUPPORT WILL MY CHILD RECEIVE?

Please contact the school principal for kindergarten programming options & information on potential supports.

WHERE CAN I FIND MORE INFORMATION ABOUT KINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS?

spsd.sk.ca/kindergarten