

# KINDERGARTEN FAQ

## for caregivers

### WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR KINDERGARTEN?

If your child will be five years old by January 31, 2025, they can start kindergarten in September 2024.

### WHEN CAN I REGISTER (APPLY)?

Kindergarten registration for the 2024-2025 school year is currently open.

### 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*).

[The School Locator Tool](https://bit.ly/SLSKI3) (<https://bit.ly/SLSKI3>) can help you identify the English and French Immersion elementary schools serving your neighbourhood.

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

The school team will confirm your child's placement in an alternating day or half-day program 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

School locations can be found on the kindergarten program map. 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, everyday 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 kindergarten program can apply online.

### WHEN WILL I KNOW IF MY CHILD IS ACCEPTED TO FDK?

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 potential 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 are no busses during the lunch hour.

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

Please contact the school administrator for kindergarten programming options and potential supports.

### WHERE CAN I FIND MORE INFORMATION ABOUT KINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS?

[bit.ly/spsdkindergarten](https://bit.ly/spsdkindergarten)