



Registration for Kindergarten and Other Programs for 2019/2020 School Year

***** Important information for School District No. 71 (Comox Valley) Families *****

School District No. 71 (Comox Valley) will be enrolling kindergarten students (Neighbourhood, French Immersion, Montessori, Aboriginal, Fine Arts and eClasses) in district schools for attendance in September 2019. To be eligible for enrolment in September 2019, a student must turn five (5) years of age by December 31, 2019. Each child's birth certificate and proof of address must be presented at time of registration. CareCards will not be accepted as proof of birth but need to be presented at time of registration. A Passport or Landed Immigrant authorization are suitable forms of documentation in lieu of birth certificates.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION:

All of our kindergarten classes are full-day programs. Parents are asked to register their children at their current neighbourhood school on February 19, 20 and 21, 2019 between the hours of 8:30 am and 12:00 pm. While most, if not all, students living in a school's local catchment will be accommodated at that school, they cannot be guaranteed placement in the catchment area school and may be required to go to the nearest school having space available. To determine your neighbourhood catchment school, please visit our district website at www.sd71.bc.ca, click on "Schools" and go to "School Locator". If you live in an area where bussing is provided, please complete a Bus Transportation Registration Form. You can fill this out at your neighbourhood school or download the form from our website. All students travelling on School District No. 71 school buses must carry a bus pass.

ORIENTATION SESSION FOR KINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS:

Parents are invited to a special evening for kindergarten. Come and join us on January 30, 2019 from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm at Queneesh Elementary (2345 Mission Road, Courtenay) where you will have an opportunity to hear about the many different kindergarten programs in our district. Educators will be in attendance to talk about each of these kindergarten programs:

- Neighbourhood (the kindergarten program in your neighbourhood school);
- Early French Immersion;
- Indigenous;
- Montessori;
- Navigate (NIDES) Compass Program;
- Navigate (NIDES) Fine Arts eCademy (FAe)

OTHER PROGRAMS:

French Immersion: held at Ecole Puntledge Park (401 Willemar Avenue, Courtenay) and Ecole Robb Road (1909 Robb Avenue, Comox)

Registration only for siblings of students currently enrolled in French Immersion at respective elementary school (Ecole Puntledge Park Elementary or Ecole Robb Road Elementary) on February 12, 13 and 14, 2019 from 7:30 am to 12:00 pm.

Registration for all other students for French Immersion is at Ecole Puntledge Park Elementary and Ecole Robb Road Elementary on February 19, 20 and 21, 2019 from 7:30 am to 12:00 pm. **Registration is on a first come first served basis.** Inquiries about this program may be made to the Principals at Ecole Puntledge Park Elementary (250) 334-4495 or Ecole Robb Road Elementary (250) 339-6864.

Navigate (NIDES) Compass Program Kindergarten: all registration is completed online at www.navigatenides.com

Registration for **all** students for the Navigate (NIDES) Compass Program is completed online and the registration form will be active on February 12, 2019.

Inquiries for this program can be forwarded to Vice Principal Dwayne Mills at Dwayne.mills@sd71.bc.ca

Navigate (NIDES) Fine Arts eCademy (FAe) Kindergarten: all registration is completed online at www.navigatenides.com

Registration for **all** students for the Fine Arts eCademy (FAe) Kindergarten at Navigate (NIDES) is completed online and the registration form will be active on February 12, 2019.

Inquiries concerning this program can be forwarded to Vice Principal Dwayne Mills at Dwayne.mills@sd71.bc.ca

Indigenous Kindergarten/Grade 1: held at Ecole Puntledge Park Elementary

We offer a program based on cultural teachings and Ministry of Education curriculum for First Nation, Metis or Inuit students. Although preference will be given to Indigenous students, non-Indigenous children may apply.

Registration only for **siblings** of students currently enrolled in the Indigenous Kindergarten/Grade 1 program is at Ecole Puntledge Park Elementary School on February 12, 2019 from 7:30 am to 12:00 pm. Registration for all other students for Indigenous Kindergarten is at Ecole Puntledge Park on February 19, 20 and 21, 2019 from 7:30 am to 12:00 pm. For further information, please call Bruce Carlos, District Principal of Indigenous Education at (250) 331-4040.

Montessori Kindergarten – registration and program: held at Queneesh Elementary School (2345 Mission Road, Courtenay)

Registration only for **siblings** of students currently enrolled in Montessori is on February 12, 2019 from 8:30 am to 12:00 pm.

Registration for all other students for Montessori is on February 13 and 14, 2019 from 8:30 am to 12:00 pm. For information, please contact Queneesh Elementary at (250) 334-4089. For families that are interested in learning about Montessori there will be an open house on February 7, at 6:00 pm at Queneesh.

Late French Immersion (Grade 6 entry) – registration and program: held at Ecole Puntledge Park Elementary

An orientation session will be held at Ecole Puntledge Park on January 29th from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. Registration for the program is listed above.

Secondary French Immersion – registration and program: held at Mark R. Isfeld Secondary (1551 Lerwick Road, Courtenay)

For information, please contact the principal of Mark R. Isfeld Secondary School – 250-334-2428

CROSS BOUNDARY TRANSFER REQUESTS:

Requests for cross boundary transfers for the 2019/20 year must be completed **online** between January 7 – February 28, 2019 for consideration. The link entitled "Cross Boundary Requests" will be available on our homepage at www.comoxvalleyschools.ca from January 7 to February 28 only. If you do not have access to a computer, you may use the computer in the foyer of the School Board Office at 607 Cumberland Road, Courtenay, BC. Decisions about cross boundary transfers will be made in the late Spring. Your child must be registered in your neighbourhood school in the event that your request is not able to be accepted.

CONTACT:

For further information, please contact the individual school or Geoff Manning, Director of Instruction or Tom Demeo, Assistant Superintendent at the School Board Office at (250) 334-5500.