



The Langley School District is honoured to work together with you as your child begins their education journey.

When is my child eligible for Kindergarten in British Columbia?

Most families enroll their child in Kindergarten for September in the year of their 5th birthday.

Is my child ready for a full day of Kindergarten?

Every child develops at their own level and speed. Talk to your school principal, or Kindergarten teacher about how to ease your child's transition to Kindergarten and to ease your mind.

Is my child required to go to Kindergarten?

School is optional for five-year olds in British Columbia. A few families wait until the next year, when their child turns 6. It is up to you, as their parent, to make that decision.

Why is gradual entry to Kindergarten necessary?

Gradual entry allows the teacher time to get to know your child as an individual and to help your child become comfortable with the classroom.

When will my child start Kindergarten?

Langley Kindergarten teachers welcome children to school in different ways. At first, your child will attend school in a small group for a shorter length of time than the regular 5 hour session. This is called gradual entry. Your child's school will send you further information before Kindergarten begins in September.

Are enhanced services available to my Aboriginal child?

As per Ministry of Education guidelines, students who self identify as Aboriginal are eligible to receive a wide range of enhanced services from District staff. Parents can fill out self-identification forms available through the school and consent to have their child receive enhanced services.

Full day Kindergarten is a wonderful opportunity to build a strong foundation for life-long learning.

Why play-based Kindergarten?

- During play children are taking turns, making plans, solving problems, and expressing their ideas.
- During play children learn to communicate, collaborate and connect with others.
- Research supports that a play-based Kindergarten program helps children to succeed in future learning and in life.
- Experiences in early childhood shape future learning habits.



KINDERGARTEN IS...

Building a solid foundation

- getting off to a good start at school

Focusing on the whole child

- aesthetic and artistic development
- emotional and social development
- intellectual development
- physical development and well-being
- development of social responsibility

Learning through play

- exploring
- creating
- doing

Expanding your child's world

- making new friends
- meeting new people
- working with others

Developing self-regulation

- learning to communicate effectively
- planning and evaluating
- learning to persevere

What can I do to get my child ready for success in Kindergarten?

- Attend StrongStart sessions with your preschool child (check School District website for dates and times).
- Attend "Kinderstarts" and "Ready, Set, Learn" sessions offered at your neighbourhood school (check School District website for dates and times).
- Be sure to bring your child to the "Welcome to Kindergarten" session at the school they will be attending Kindergarten.
- Read to your child every day. Talk about the pictures and the story.
- Go on nature walks. Talk and wonder about what they see.
- Allow your child opportunities to draw, cut, glue, and create art projects.
- Arrange opportunities for your child to play with other children.
- Visit your local library for story time and to choose books.
- Play outdoors so children can run, jump, swing, climb, and use their imaginations.
- Spend some time exploring a "passion" your child may have (e.g. water, worms, big trucks).

