2025-2026 KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION PROCEDURE

In preparation for the 2025-2026 school year, the Board of Education is seeking the cooperation of parents/caregivers in registering their child for Kindergarten. Pre-registration is requested in order to provide the School District Administration the time to plan staffing to meet school needs.

It is important that parents/caregivers take note of the specific registration deadlines and registration procedures are followed as outlined below. For Coast Mountains School District schools that service your neighbourhood, access for the following <u>school locator link</u> for assistance.

REGISTRATION FOR KINDERGARTEN WILL BE HELD BETWEEN JANUARY 15, 2025 AND FEBRUARY 21, 2025

Registration options for Kindergarten and Cross Boundary Applications include:

Option #1

Complete the online registration through $\underline{\text{MyEducationBC}} \rightarrow \text{click}$ on link, when the log-in screen opens, request an account (illustrated to the right) and follow the step-by-step instructions (this is the school district's $\underline{\text{preferred}}$ registration option). Note that online registration is not available for mobile devices (cell phones). It is recommended that a computer or iPad be used to complete the online registration, or



Option #2

Download a copy of the Student Registration Form (<u>regular format</u> or <u>fillable format</u>, click on the desired link to open document), complete and submit by appointment with the school or by email to the school (contact information provided below), **or**

Option #3

Contact your in-catchment school or, if interested, the French Immersion school or Majagaleehl Gali Aks Elementary School for the Kindergarten Gitxsanimx Immersion Program (school information provided below) to make an appointment to receive the registration forms.

School and Principal contact information is available by accessing the following links:

CMSD82 Schools & Contact Information

CMSD82 2024-2025 Principal, Vice Principal & School Contact Listing

Definitions:

- In-Catchment Students: Those students who live in the attendance areas defined for each school. The school the student would normally attend.
- Cross Boundary/Out-of-Catchment Students: Those students who do not live within the defined attendance areas for the school they wish to attend.
- School of Choice: The opportunity to enroll in a school of choice (French Immersion School or a school with approved Cross Boundary Application) or school program available within the school district.

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Kindergarten Registration and Confirmation:

The school district will make every effort to place students who have registered in their catchment area school. In-catchment students may be wait-listed until school staffing is complete before receiving status of school enrollment and may be moved as soon as space is available. Wait-listed in-catchment students will be notified of their status for the school year as soon as possible or by the first Friday following school openings.

Cross Boundary Applications and Confirmation:

- Parents/caregivers interested in the Cross Boundary application process, <u>must first register at their catchment area school</u> by following the registration options listed above. This important step is required to ensure space at the catchment area school in the event the Cross Boundary Application is unsuccessful.
- Please initiate the Cross Boundary Application through the catchment area school by appointment or email (reference the School and Principal contact information on page 1). The catchment area school will forward the Cross Boundary Application to the school of choice.

Important Notations:

Effective the 2025-2026 school year, Cross Boundary Applications to the following schools will be restricted to children with a sibling currently enrolled in the school. Cross Boundary Applications, otherwise, will not be accepted for consideration for the following schools:

Suwilaawks Community School & Uplands Elementary School

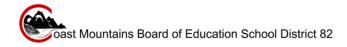
Confirmation of Cross Boundary Applications will be provided by the first Friday following school opening, or as soon as possible following this date, pending staff allocations and school configurations. Parents/caregivers applying for cross boundary status are advised the decision related to Cross Boundary Applications may not be decided until the first week of school in the 2025-2026 school year. Parents/caregivers, therefore, must register first at their catchment area school.

To be eligible for entry to school in September 2025 students must be five years of age on or before December 31, 2025. A birth certificate, proof of immunization, a BC Care Card and parent/caregiver proof of ordinarily resident will be required at the time of registration.

A birth certificate and a BC Care Card and parent/caregiver proof of ordinarily resident will be required at the time of registration. Acceptable documentation for evidence that parent/caregiver is "ordinarily resident":

- BCMSP (BC CareCard) coverage AND one item from the list of supporting documentation that follows; or
- Valid BC Services Card (replacement for BC CareCard) AND one item from the list of supporting documentation that follows.

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Supporting documentation for evidence that parent/caregiver is "ordinarily resident" (address must match the address listed on the Student's Registration & Verification Form):

- Provincial Driver's License
- Document indicating British Columbia resident (i.e., utility bill)
- Proof of ownership of a dwelling or long-term lease or rental of a dwelling
- A current income tax return filed as a BC resident

French Immersion Kindergarten and Grade One:

- A student does not have to be of French origin to enroll in French Immersion.
- French Immersion is offered at Ecole Mountainview, Kildala Elementary School and Majagaleehl Gali Aks Elementary School.
- Parents/caregivers must follow the registration options listed above for French Immersion Kindergarten and Grade One.
- Registration for French Immersion Grade One is for students presently attending Kindergarten in English, who would like to begin in the French Immersion Program.

Kindergarten Gitxsanimx Immersion Program:

- A student does not have to be of Indigenous ancestry to enroll in the Kindergarten Gitxsanimx Immersion Program.
- The Kindergarten Gitxsanimx Immersion Program is offered at Majagaleehl Gali Aks Elementary School.
- Parents/caregivers must follow the registration options listed above for Kindergarten Gitxsanimx Immersion Program.

Should you require further assistance, please contact Carole Gagnon, Executive Assistant at the Coast Mountains Board of Education Office at (250) 638-4401 or via email at carole.gagnon@cmsd.bc.ca.