



Kindergarten Registration Information

Kindergarten Registration Form

Children who are 5 yrs old on or before December 31, 2021 may register in Kindergarten for the 2021-22 school year. Please complete the online registration form found on the [Division website](#). We also require a copy of your child's birth certificate and a copy of a bill or mortgage/lease agreement with your name and current address to be uploaded with the registration.

Morning or Afternoon Class Preference

Sakaw School offers half day kindergarten. You will be asked to indicate on the online registration form if you prefer your child attend morning or afternoon kindergarten. Please note that we cannot guarantee your preference. For instance, last year we only had a morning kindergarten class.

Yellow Busing

Yellow bus service is available for students who live in our Ellerslie attendance area. Monthly bus fees apply. The exact 2021-22 fees are to be determined at this time. The deadline to submit an [online bus application](#) is June 1, 2021 if you want your child to have yellow bus service for the first day of school in September.

Open House

Due to COVID-19 restrictions there will be no kindergarten open house or school tours.

In-Person or Online Learning

<https://epsb.ca/news/schools/planningforthe2021-22schoolyear.html>

September (Staggered Entry)

We feel that it is important for Kindergarten children to start their first year of school in a small group setting. Therefore, we have set aside the first week and a half of school for "staggered entry" where we have small groups of students attend each day. Staggered entry week is scheduled for September 2, 3 and 7th. You will receive a call during the last week of August as to the exact time and date your child will attend. Kindergarten students will begin regular daily classes on September 8, 2021.

SchoolZone

SchoolZone is an important site that we use to communicate with parents throughout the year. School news, forms, progress reports, yellow bus tracking and fees will be posted on SchoolZone. You will receive your username and password in September. For more information please watch this [video](#), and for step-by-step instructions on how to navigate SchoolZone please go to [SchoolZone Help Site](#).

Kindergarten Fees

Fees will be payable when an activity/field trip opportunity arises, and can be paid online through SchoolZone. The total fees for the year will not exceed \$100.

School Supplies

- 4 Large glue sticks
- 1 Box of large markers (Crayola)
- 1 Exercise book/notebook (green - ½ blank, ½ interlined)
- 1 Presentation Folder: Letter size with 20 clear pockets per folder (available at Dollarama)
- 1 Box of crayons (24)
- 1 Box of tissues
- 1 Backpack (big enough to hold a binder/large library book)
- 1 Pair of headphones for computers and listening centres (preferably over the ear, not in ear type)
- 1 Pair of indoor running shoes labelled with child's name
 - for daily physical activity
 - non-marking soles
 - to stay at the school
 - child should be able to put them on independently so please get Velcro type or slip-ons

* Students are encouraged to bring their own hand sanitizer.

Helping Your Child Get Ready for Kindergarten

Kindergarten is a big step as children move from the more enclosed world of their home and small playgroups to the larger school community. By providing certain opportunities at home, you can help to prepare your child for this new experience.

Self-Help Skills

- Help your child to develop independence in dressing, i.e. putting on and taking off outer clothing such as jackets & sweaters, putting on and fastening shoes, doing up zippers and buttons, hanging clothing up or putting it in a designated spot.
- Allow your child the chance to make decisions, i.e. which of two outfits does he/she want to wear, which of 2-3 activities does he/she want to do.
- Work to develop independence in personal care skills such as blowing the nose, washing and drying hands, eating with utensils, managing clothing when using the washroom, wiping, etc.

Early Literacy & Numeracy Skills

- Read and talk about books with your child. Recite nursery rhymes. Tell stories. Ask your child questions such as How? Why? When?
- Talk about events or activities that the family is doing. As you work around the home or yard name the items that you are working with and talk about how they work. Talk about the order of things such as steps in building something, cooking, and getting ready for bed.
- Count objects as you work around the home i.e. when setting the table, when you're driving, when you're walking, playing board games.
- Play games such as "I Spy" to help develop thinking and observation skills.

Fine & Gross Motor Skills

- Provide opportunities for your child to be creative with pencils, paper, paints, scissors, glue, and felts. Scissors, paints and felts may need supervision but this early experience is extremely valuable in developing hand muscles. Play dough and clay are also excellent for developing the small muscles.
- Encourage your child to use their large muscles in a variety of ways such as running, crawling, galloping, skipping, and riding a bike, going up and down stairs, throwing, catching and kicking various size balls.