

Supporting Transitions to Kindergarten

2025-2026

The road to Kindergarten is an exciting journey and School District 22 encourages families to explore the following programs, resources & ideas to support smooth transitions into Kindergarten in September .

Enroll in an Early Learning Program

StrongStart

StrongStart BC centres offer free drop-in morning programs for children (0-5) and parents/caregivers to engage in play based-learning activities. [Join us today!](#)

Preschool

SD22 Preschool programs are high-quality, licensed child care programs for 3 & 4 year old children. [Register today!](#)

Ready, Set, Learn

Join SD22 and community partners for fun, family-oriented events. [Register for our exciting events!](#)



Support Your Child at Home

When I Go To Kindergarten

Spark conversations with your child and record things that your child is good at and things that are important to them in [this booklet](#). Use it as a keepsake or share it with your child's teachers. It is available in a variety of languages. [Download today!](#)

Play Today: A Guide for Families

Extended engagement in play is one of the best ways to support the transition to school. Learn more about the different kinds of play that are important in [this resource](#). It is available in a variety of languages. [Download today!](#)

Let's Play: A Guide for Families

Support your child's engagement through these play-based learning activities. [Download today!](#)

Early Learning Framework

Families are their child's first teachers. Learn more about the BC Early Learning Framework in this [family guide](#) and how you can support your child's development.



Questions? Contact SD22 Early Learning & Child Care
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Register for Kindergarten



Full Day Kindergarten Program

Play-based Kindergarten programs have long-term benefits for a child's academic and social skills - it can help them succeed in school and in life! Find out more information about the [Full Day Kindergarten program](#).

Registration Process

Children can start Kindergarten in September of the year they turn five years old. SD22 Kindergarten [registration](#) begins in January. Contact your local school for more information.

Welcome to Kindergarten

Help the transition to school go smoothly for your child by attending your school's [Welcome to Kindergarten](#) event. Once registered for Kindergarten, your school will contact you with event details in the spring.

Talk, Read, Create & Play



Talk & Sing Together

Talking and singing with your child builds relationships, memory, rhythm & rhyme, belonging, enjoyment of music, listening & speaking skills, and an appreciation for cultural stories & oral traditions.

Read Together

Reading with your child builds vocabulary, a sense of story, knowledge, and print, letter & number awareness. Visit your local library!

Create Together

Creating builds problem-solving skills, imagination & personal expression, small & large muscle control and coordination, along with measurement, geometry & spatial awareness.

Play Together

Playing builds self-awareness & regulation, math concepts & vocabulary, confidence & well-being, empathy & understanding, decision-making skills, cooperation, physical skills, and curiosity.



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