As we prepare for the new year, we are excited to share important information about kindergarten registration for the 2025-26 school year.

If you are not registering a child for kindergarten next year, please disregard this email. If you know someone who needs to register their child for kindergarten next year, please share this information with them.

Eligibility for Kindergarten Registration

A child is eligible for kindergarten registration if they turn **5** years old on or before **December 31**, **2025**. This means the child must have been born in **2020**. No exceptions can be made to this requirement.

Kindergarten Registration Dates

All children **must** register at their in-catchment school, determined by the family's primary address. To find your in-catchment school, visit the <u>School Locator</u> tool. If you have a unique circumstance, you can submit a <u>school change request form</u> (click the link to view the dates). Please note that you must first register at your designated in-catchment school before submitting a school change request. Kindly be aware that school change requests are not guaranteed.

Nature Kindergarten

- Registration opens: January 13, 2025, at 8:00 AM
- Registration closes: January 17, 2025, at 4:00 PM
- Attendance at an information session is a mandatory requirement for completing the
 registration process specifically for Nature Kindergarten. Click the link below to view the
 dates and locations of upcoming information sessions.
- Learn more: Nature Kindergarten

French Immersion Kindergarten

- Registration opens: January 13, 2025, at 8:00 AM
- Registration closes: January 17, 2025, at 4:00 PM
- An optional online information session will be held on January 8, 2025, at 6:30 PM.
 - Join the session here: <u>Link to Join Meeting</u>
- Learn more: Kindergarten French Immersion

Note: If the number of registrations exceeds the available seats, a lottery will be conducted in accordance with our <u>Student Enrolment Priorities</u>. Families will be notified of the outcome **before** the Regular Kindergarten registration period begins.

Please note that families may not register for both Nature Kindergarten and French Immersion Kindergarten. If you are unsuccessful in securing a seat in one of these programs, you will need to register your child for Regular Kindergarten.

Regular Kindergarten

- Registration opens: January 29, 2025, at 8:00 AM
- Registration closes: February 5, 2025, at 4:00 PM

• If registrations exceed the available seats at your in-catchment school, a lottery will be conducted following our **Student Enrolment Priorities**. Families will be notified directly if they do not secure a seat and will be provided information about the designated overflow school.

After February 5, 2025, registration will continue an **ongoing basis** and will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis, also following our enrolment priorities.

Need Help?

If you have questions or need assistance with kindergarten registration, please contact us at info@sd62.bc.ca.

Information from School

Our schools will reach out to families registered for kindergarten in September before the end of May 2025.

Thank you for reviewing this information. We look forward to welcoming our newest learners to the Sooke School District!