



### **When is my child eligible for kindergarten in British Columbia?**

You can register your child for kindergarten the calendar year they turn 5 years old.

### **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.

### **For information on full day kindergarten**

Contact your local school district at  
<http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/schools/bcmap.htm>

or independent school authority at  
<http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/apps/imcl/imclWeb/IndSchoolAuthority.do>

For information on finding out of school care go to  
<http://childcareinfo.gov.bc.ca/childcaresearch/search.aspx>

For more information on early learning  
[http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/early\\_learning/full\\_day\\_kindergarten.htm](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/early_learning/full_day_kindergarten.htm)



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



# **Full Day Kindergarten**



Starting kindergarten is an exciting time for children and their families.



## Full Day Kindergarten

- Starting in 2010, the Ministry of Education began phasing in full day kindergarten over two years across British Columbia. Full day kindergarten is now available for all eligible five-year-olds in the province.
- Full day learning is associated with improved reading and numeracy, smoother transitions to Grade 1, and increased post-secondary graduation rates.
- Full day kindergarten enables teachers to give their students more individual attention.

***Children are natural learners, full of wonder and curiosity about their world.***



## Benefits of Full Day Kindergarten

### For Your Child

- More opportunities to learn through play.
- Extended interaction with other children to help develop strong social-emotional skills and positive self esteem.
- Greater exposure to educational materials to help develop strong literacy skills.
- More time for teachers to meet the needs of children.
- Fewer transitions during the day.
- More individual and small-group activities.

### For Parents

- Stronger connection to your child's school.
- Confidence in your child's education program.
- Opportunity to take a more active role in your child's formal education.
- Economic benefits if your childcare expenses are reduced.
- Greater work/life balance, allowing parents more time to work or study.

***It is through play that children make sense of their world.***

## Building Blocks For Life

- Research shows that a play-based kindergarten program helps children to succeed in school and in life.
- Experiences in early childhood shape future learning habits.

***Play promotes healthy physical, social, emotional, language and cognitive development.***

