

PROGRAMS OF CHOICE REGISTRATION

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)



Programs of Choice: Click [HERE](#) for program descriptions.

Elementary (K-7) French Immersion – Ecole Beirsto Elementary School Late
French Immersion (Gr. 6 & 7) – Ecole Bearisto Elementary School Montessori
(Gr. 1-6) – Silver Star Elementary School
Awaken Inquiry & Adventure Okanagan (Gr. 7-12) – Fulton Secondary School
Forestry/Trades (Gr. 11-12) – Bloom Secondary School
Career Programs – Career Education

Where do we register for a Program of Choice?

It is important that you first complete an application form. Once your child's acceptance to the program has been confirmed, registration for a Program of Choice will take place at the school where that program is situated.

- The registration period for the 2025/26 School Year is Jan. 15 – Feb. 13

Career Programs are an exception in that registration occurs at the secondary school of which you are currently registered at through Career Programs.

Do I need to line up early on the first registration day for my child to be accepted to the program?

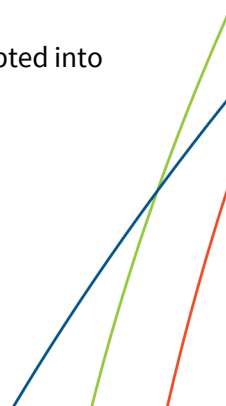
No, there is no need to line up. Registrations are accepted throughout the registration period Jan. 15-Feb. 13. If there are more applicants than spaces available, a lottery will be held for Programs of Choice to determine who is accepted into that program.

Which programs have a lottery if the program has more applicants than spaces available?

Only the following Programs of Choice require a lottery should there be more applicants than spaces:

- Elementary French Immersion Kindergarten
- Elementary French Immersion Grade 1
- Elementary Late French Immersion Grade 6
- Elementary Montessori Grade 1

AIAO, Forestry/Trades and Career Programs have other criteria that they must consider in selecting participants to that program and therefore DO NOT use the lottery system to determine who is accepted into the program.



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How does the lottery work?

If required, the lottery will be held Feb. 20, 2025. Student names are drawn within one week of the close of the registration period.

The Director of Instruction for Learning along with a school administrator, the PAC president from the school, and the French Elementary Coordinator will oversee the lottery to ensure a fair and transparent process is followed.

Families will be notified, by email, as soon as the lottery draw is completed and will have a maximum of 24-Hours to accept the space. If no email communication is received from the family, then the next student on the waitlist will be offered the space.

As per Policy 311, all applicants will be informed of their status no later than April 15. If there are fewer students than the number of spaces available, then a lottery is not needed.

What happens if my child was not selected in the lottery process?

If your child's name was not drawn in the lottery for an available space in the Program of Choice, your child's name will remain on a waitlist and your registration form will be forwarded to your catchment area school. If you would like your child to attend a school other than your catchment area school, please visit your catchment school and complete the transfer request process.

What if a space opens up after the lottery has been completed?

The lottery process also determines the waitlist order. If a space opens after the lottery has been completed, the space will be offered to the next child on the list and the family will have 24 hours to accept.

Any student registering after the lottery date is automatically added to the lottery generated waitlist, by date and time of submission.

What If my child has a sibling already enrolled in a Program of Choice?

Siblings of students CURRENTLY enrolled in a SD22 Program of Choice will be accepted immediately, if the registration is received during the registration period. **However, if you reside outside the SD22 catchment and your child has a sibling that is currently in a Program of Choice, you are still required to participate in the lottery.** Any sibling registering after the lottery date is automatically added to the lottery generated waitlist, by date and time of submission. As AIAO and forestry have other criteria, each applicant is considered separately. However if you reside outside the SD22 catchment and your child has a sibling that is currently in a Program of Choice,

- French Immersion
- Late French Immersion
- Montessori