



OTTAWA-CARLETON  
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

# Full Day Kindergarten for 4 and 5-Year-Olds

The Full Day Kindergarten Program for 4 and 5-year-olds will be offered in 55 schools in September 2012 and should be fully phased in to all schools by 2015–2016. The program may be supported by an Extended Day Program.

## Elementary Schools offering Full Day Kindergarten in September 2012:

- Adrienne Clarkson Elementary School
- Arch Street Public School
- Bayshore Public School
- Bells Corners Public School
- Blossom Park Public School
- Cambridge Street Community Public School
- Carleton Heights Public School
- Carson Grove Elementary School
- Centennial Public School
- Century Public School
- Charles H. Hulse Public School
- Churchill Alternative School
- Connaught Public School
- Convent Glen Elementary School
- D. Roy Kennedy Public School
- Dunlop Public School
- Dunning-Foubert Elementary School
- Fallingbrook Community Elementary School
- Featherston Drive Public School
- Forest Valley Elementary School
- General Vanier Public School
- Glen Cairn Public School
- Glen Ogilvie Public School
- Grant Alternative School
- Greely Elementary School
- Hawthorne Public School
- Heritage Public School
- Hilson Avenue Public School
- Huntley Centennial Public School
- Jockvale Elementary School
- Kars Public School/Rideau Valley Middle School
- Lady Evelyn Alternative School
- Leslie Park Public School
- Manor Park Public School
- Manordale Public School
- Manotick Public School
- Maple Ridge Elementary School
- Metcalfe Public School
- Munster Elementary School
- North Gower/Marlborough Public School
- Orleans Wood Elementary School
- Pinecrest Public School
- Queen Elizabeth Public School
- Queen Mary Street Public School
- Regina Street Public School
- Riverview Alternative School
- Robert Bateman Public School
- Robert E. Wilson Public School
- Robert Hopkins Public School
- Sir Winston Churchill Public School
- Viscount Alexander Public School
- W. E. Gowling Public School
- W. Erskine Johnston Public School
- Westwind Public School
- York Street Public School

## Frequently Asked Questions:

### Q: How will Full-Day Kindergarten work?

A: There are two components — the Core program which represents the full day classroom component and the Extended Day Program which represents the before and after school program. In the core program, certified teachers and registered early childhood educators will work together to deliver the Full-Day Kindergarten Program. The Extended Day Program will be led by registered early childhood educators.

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**Q: What happens in the classroom?**

A: Through instruction and play-based learning the teacher and early childhood educator will work with the students to develop their capacity in language and mathematics, build a strong foundation for future learning, engage in healthy physical activities and the arts, and develop socially and emotionally through interaction with their peers and the adults who guide them. Classrooms will operate with a District average of 26 students to one team composed of one teacher and one early childhood educator.

**Q: Is Full Day Kindergarten mandatory?**

A: No, Full Day Kindergarten, like kindergarten, will remain optional for 4 and 5-year-olds. In Ontario, kindergarten is voluntary; children are required to attend school once they turn 6 years old. If your child is enrolled in the full day program, the extended day program, is also optional.

**Q: How do I register my child?**

A: You can register your child by visiting your child's designated school. To register you will require your child's birth certificate or proof of age, immunization record, and health card.

**Q: When I register, can I choose to have my child attend only half days?**

A: You may choose to have your child attend only half days. However, it is important to note that the Early Learning Program is designed as a full day program. In addition, transportation will not be provided outside normal school hours. As such, parents will be responsible for getting their child to or from school should they choose to attend only half days. Parents who are considering this option should discuss the matter with their school principal.

**Q: My school was not selected to offer Full Day Kindergarten. Can I send my child to another school where it is offered?**

A: Unfortunately you cannot register your child in Full Day Kindergarten if you do not live in the school attendance boundary of one of the selected schools. To learn more about our attendance boundaries, please use the School Locator on our website [www.ocdsb.ca](http://www.ocdsb.ca) or call us at 613-721-1820.

**Q: How will the Extended Day Program work?**

A: During the school year, the selected schools will offer an Extended Day Program before and after school which will be led by registered early childhood educators. These programs are optional and will be available for a fee. Subsidies will be available for some families from the City of Ottawa, based on financial need. Extended Day programs will operate subject to sufficient enrolment.

**Q: How can I apply for the Extended Day program?**

A: If your child will be attending a Full Day Kindergarten school in the fall and you are interested in the Extended Day Program, please let us know you intend to register by completing the Extended Day Program – Child Registration available on our website [www.ocdsb.ca](http://www.ocdsb.ca) and through your Full Day Kindergarten school.

**Q: Will all Full Day Kindergarten schools offer the Extended Day Program?**

A: A minimum of 20 students is required for the extended day program to be offered at a Full Day Kindergarten school. More information on locations is posted on our website at [www.ocdsb.ca](http://www.ocdsb.ca). Please check back often for updates.

**Q: How much will it cost to enrol my child in the Extended Day Program?**

A: The legislation authorizes and requires school districts to charge fees to recover costs associated with operating Extended Day programs. The fee per student is set at a \$20 per day payable on a monthly basis. For half-day fees please visit our website at [www.ocdsb.ca](http://www.ocdsb.ca).

**Q: How will subsidies be determined? Will my family be eligible for a subsidy?**

A: The Ministry of Education has stated that subsidy eligibility and amounts will be determined according to the current provincial child care subsidy eligibility rules and income test. For more information please visit our website.

**Q: Will the Extended Day Program be available to all 4 and 5-year-olds at the school?**

A: All schools that offer Full Day Kindergarten are expected to offer an Extended Day Program, however a minimum of 20 students will be required to operate the program. The hours and availability of before and after-school care will be determined by community needs and school start times. Generally we expect to offer services beginning at 7 a.m. until school starts and from dismissal to 6 p.m.

**Q: Will the Extended Day Program be available to older children at the school?**

A: The Extended Day Program could be available for 6 to 12-year-olds where there is sufficient space and is subject to demand. This will be determined on a site-by-site basis depending on the number of program registrants.

**Q: Will the program be available during school holidays, PA days, and the summer?**

A: Yes. The program will be available during school holidays, PA days, and during the summer.

**Q: Will the school district provide busing or other transportation for children to and from the extended day program?**

A: No, Parents will be responsible for getting their child to and from the Extended Day Program.

**Q: How can I get more information?**

A: More details are on our website, [www.ocdsb.ca](http://www.ocdsb.ca), or you can call the Extended Day Program office at 613-239-2378.

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