

Western School Division  
**KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION**  
**SEPTEMBER 2021**

In order for us to better prepare for the 2021-2022 school year parents are requested to register their children for Kindergarten by coming to the appropriate school office from January 22 to January 29, 2021, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

**Please enrol in the school within whose catchment area your residence is located.** If you wish to attend a different school, your request will then be considered. Requests are considered on a priority basis. Please see "Attending the School of Your Choice" below for more information. An exception we make is that parents who have older children currently at the K-3 level may enrol their beginning Kindergarten child at the same school. We attempt to keep families together when possible.

**Children born in 2016 or earlier are eligible to enrol.** We are asking all parents who are not enrolling their Kindergarten age children in a school program to let us know. We need to be aware of possible future enrolments.

**Information Session**

**Western School Division will be holding a Kindergarten Parent Information Session on January 21, 2021 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. online. You can register here:**

<https://bit.ly/3s3jYMB>

**We look forward to seeing all the new Kindergarten parents on this evening.**

**Elementary School Organization**

**Maple Leaf Elementary School and Minnewasta School** are for early years (Kindergarten to Grade 4) students. Middle years (Grades 5 to 8) students attend École Morden Middle School.

**English Kindergarten Program**

The English Kindergarten program is arranged in half-day, every day classes at both **Minnewasta School** and **Maple Leaf Elementary School** in both the morning and afternoon.

**French Immersion Program**

Early years (K to 4) **French Immersion Program (FI)** is offered at Maple Leaf School. This Kindergarten is arranged in half-day, every day classes. **If you are considering French Immersion an additional separate information session has been planned** to learn more about the program.

You can register for this session (Jan. 26 7:00-7:45 pm) here: <https://bit.ly/3nm2APp>

**Attending the School of Your Choice**

Provincial legislation permits parents to choose which school to send their child to, including schools outside of their home division. However, schools must accept students on a priority basis.

- First, students within that school's catchment area as designated by the Division.
- Second, students residing in the School Division.
- Last, students from outside the Division.

Space, program availability, and the general well-being of other students will be considered in making the final decision about school of choice applications.

**Catchment areas are designated as follows:**

**Minnewasta School** – 1 Academy Drive, Morden

- Area south of North Railway and area west of Mountain St.
- All rural students.

**Maple Leaf Elementary School** – 225-12th Street, Morden

- Area north of South Railway St. and east of Mountain St.
- All early years (K-4) FI students

**Information**

For Kindergarten program and registration information please check the division or school websites or call the schools directly. For more specific French Immersion program information, please call Maple Leaf School. **All parents are asked to include a copy of their child's birth certificate when registering.**

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