

Western School Division
KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION
SEPTEMBER 2023

We will begin accepting Kindergarten registrations for the 2023-2024 school year starting Friday, January 20. We would like to have the majority of registrations in by Friday, January 27. Parents are requested to register their children at the appropriate school office between 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 1:00-4:00 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 2018 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 Thursday, January 19, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at Minnewasta School. 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.

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.

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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