



Registration Guide

Welcome to School District #22 (Vernon)

Our mission is to inspire and develop lifelong learners who can communicate, think creatively, problem-solve, collaborate, and understand their personal and social responsibilities.

Located in the Okanagan Valley of south central British Columbia, School District #22 (Vernon) serves the communities of **Vernon, Coldstream, Lavington, Lumby, and Cherryville**, providing excellent educational services to approximately 8,200 students. These services include a strong International Program, a High Performance Program, a vibrant French Immersion Program, a Montessori Program, new and exciting Distributive Learning Courses, a strong Aboriginal focus, opportunities for Trades Training and Secondary Apprenticeships, numerous sports and specialty Academies.

Student Requirements To Register For School

Registration times/dates for the 2019/2020 School Year, as per Admin Procedure 9.11.0, are January 15 - February 15 from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. each school day.

Registration for kindergarten children starting school this coming September will be held at all District Elementary schools between 9 a.m. and noon and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Registration must be completed in person; faxed registrations will not be accepted.

A child must reach five years of age by December 31st of the school year to be eligible for kindergarten enrolment. To register a student in any school, a parent or legal guardian must provide proof of school-age eligibility, citizenship and home address.

Required documentation include:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Child's Birth Certificate | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BC Services Card / BC Care Card |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proof of Residential Address | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Immunization Record (if available) |



Proof of Residential Address

Two of the following documents will be accepted:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BC Government Issued ID (Driver's License, BC ID, or BC Services) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Property tax statement |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gas, electric, or cable bill | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Landline bill (cell phones are not accepted) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Current tax return, filed as a BC resident | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BC vehicle registration |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Municipal Utility statement | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rental insurance |



We reserve the right to request additional documents.

Parents of children who are not Canadian Citizens, Landed Immigrants, or do not have birth certificates for their child must contact the Superintendent's Office or the International Student Program, prior to registration.

What School Do We Register At?

Each home address in the Vernon School District is connected to a catchment elementary and secondary school. Students must register at their catchment school. To determine which schools are associated with your home address, visit www.sd22.bc.ca and click on Schools and then District Map. The School Locator link can be found at the bottom of the listed schools. Type in the address and it will indicate which school the student should attend based on residential address.



Can We Choose To Attend A Different School Than Our Catchment School?

Students wishing to attend a school outside of their catchment school, must apply to transfer. Transfer requests can be made at their catchment school when registering for Kindergarten, or current school, at any grade level. Transfer applications are reviewed based on student enrolment priorities and availability of space at the desired school.

Can We Attend A School District 22 School If We Live Out of District?

Students living outside of the School District 22 catchment, wishing to attend a School District 22 school will automatically be waitlisted. All School District 23 students, living on the Westside, wanting to register in School District 22 will have to register at Alexis Park Elementary (K-Grade 7) or WL Seaton Secondary (Grade 8-12).

Student Transfers

In accordance with School District Policy 9.11.0, students who wish to transfer to another school starting in September, must submit an application to transfer between January 15 and February 15, from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m., each school day to be given consideration.

Transfer requests are based on the following prioritized criteria:

1. A catchment area child
2. A non-catchment area child
3. A non-School District 22 child

Transfer requests are approved if the receiving school has available space in the appropriate classes, grades, or programs.

VSS and Coldstream Elementary are closed for out of catchment transfers.

In some schools, space availability may not be determined until the first week of school in September.

Students wishing to transfer from their catchment area school are not guaranteed bus transportation.

Students on a current transfer waitlist for the current school year, must re-apply (starting January 15) for the next school year. Transfer requests are valid for one school year only.

Kindergarten Registration

The Board of Education for School District #22 (Vernon) would like to welcome those children entering the school system this year. After a gradual entry process in September, the kindergarten program operates for the full-day on every school day. Kindergarten establishes a strong foundation for lifelong learning, as teachers provide dynamic, play-based opportunities to help each child build a foundation to become lifelong learners. Priority in attending a specific school will be given to students living in the applicable catchment areas.

Please note: Proper documentation is essential when registering your child. Your registration may be delayed if the required documentation is not provided.

Birthdates

To enter kindergarten in September, children must be five (5) years of age on or before December 31, of that same year.

Early French Immersion - Kindergarten

Any student entering Kindergarten or Grade One can enroll in French Immersion. The Kindergarten program has limited space and is an all-day program operating at Alexis Park and Harwood Elementary schools. Registrations are accepted on a first come, first serve basis (beginning January 15) for School District 22 resident students. Out of district students will be waitlisted. All French Immersion Kindergarten registration will take place at Beirsto Elementary, during the registration period. Kindergarten students will be placed at Harwood or Alexis Park depending on their catchment area, the need to balance classes by gender, learning issues, date/time of registration, special family circumstances and transportation schedules. We do not guarantee there will be transportation provided.

Grade 1 Transfer into French Immersion

To transfer from regular kindergarten to French Immersion Grade 1, students must complete a transfer form. Students currently attending FI K do not need to request a transfer to FI Grade 1 at Beirsto.

Late French Immersion - Grade 6

Late Immersion entry begins in Grade 6 and is a two-year program. Space is limited and is based on a first come, first serve basis. Late Immersion application forms can be completed at Harwood Elementary beginning January 15.

Montessori

Our Montessori program is operated out of Silver Star Elementary school and is available for Grades 1- 6. The goal of the program is to inspire children to foster a love of learning that lasts a lifetime. We provide an engaging, child-centered environment in which children can explore, feel safe to take risks, and invest in their interests.

To register, visit Silver Star Elementary during the registration period, January 15- February 15.

Academies & Specialized Programs

School District 22 Academies enhance the traditional curriculum for students motivated to strengthen their skills and improve their abilities in specialized programs that are offered by the district and in partnership with community organizations. Students participating in Academies will receive specialized instruction and learning opportunities that increase student engagement and success.

For more information on our various academies, please visit our website:
www.sd22.bc.ca/Programs/Academies



International Student Program

The International Student Program offers students from outside of Canada the opportunity to study at a local school, to graduation with a Grade 12 diploma, or to study at summer school.

Come join us! Experience the rich Canadian culture in the beautiful Okanagan Valley. Experience all that Canada has to offer. For more information, visit: www.vernoninternational.ca or call 250 549-9295. (International country code for Canada is 1.)

Alternate Schools

School District 22 offers a variety of alternate education programs to meet a variety of student needs. From the community based alternate learning centres in Vernon and Lumby, to the home based and online school vLearn, School District 22 has a program designed to suit you.

To find out more about our alternate schools or to register, please contact 250 549-3546.

Contact Us

For more information and a list of all our schools, visit: www.sd22.bc.ca
Your catchment school will be able to answer any specific questions you may have.

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