

WELCOME TO YOUR FUTURE

Kindergarten Information Session



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Welcome to West
Vancouver Schools



TONIGHT'S PROGRAM

Welcome to West Vancouver Schools: A World of Opportunity

Dr. Sandra-Lynn Shortall, Assistant Superintendent of Schools

Kindergarten in West Vancouver Schools

Mary Parackal, District Vice Principal

Kindergarten Registration

Laine Anderson, District Vice Principal

Liz Hill, Deputy Superintendent of Schools

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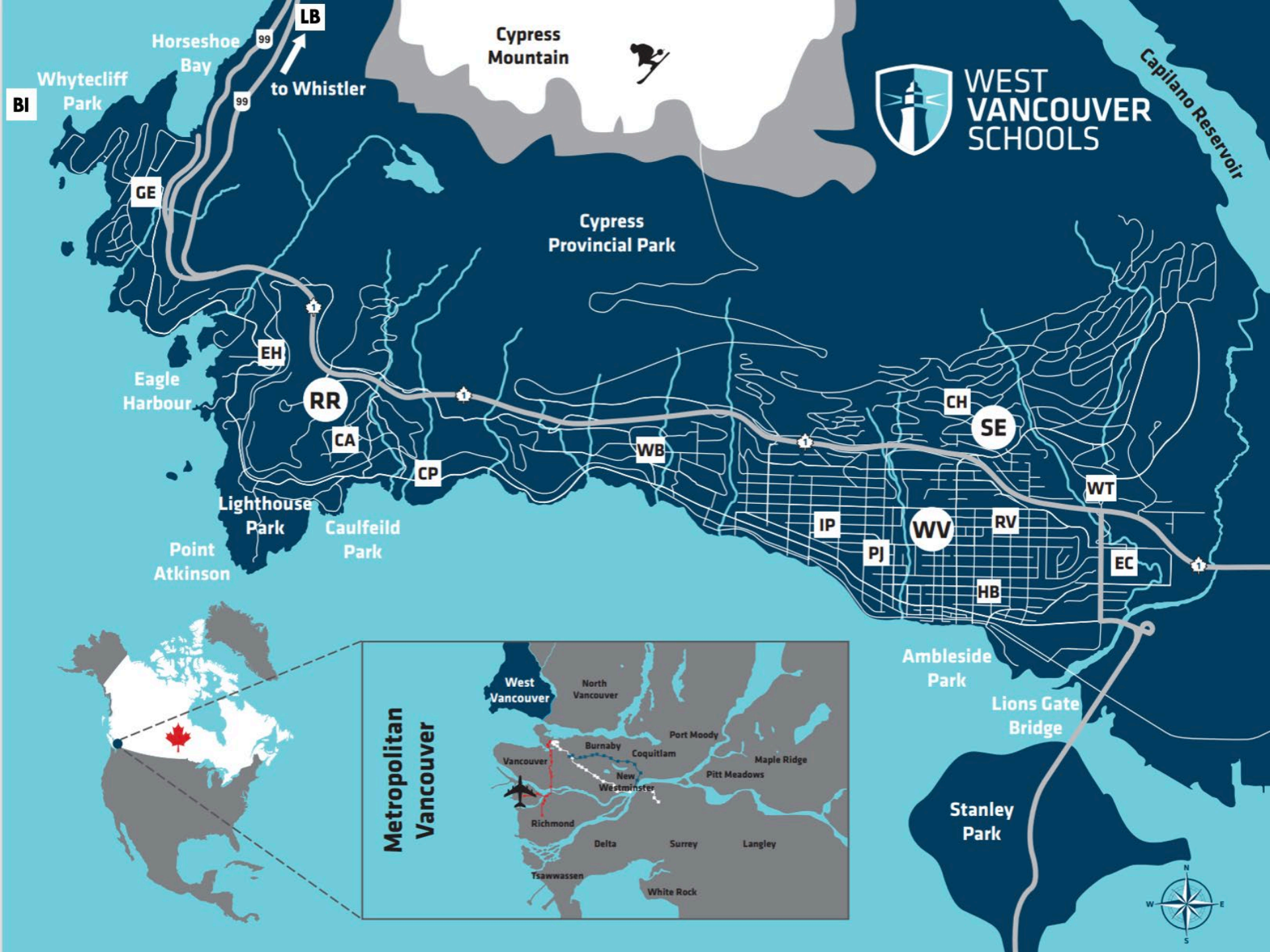


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BIRD'S-EYE VIEW



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WEST VANCOUVER SCHOOLS STRATEGIC PLAN 2023-2027



A close-up photograph of a young Black girl with her hair in red braids. She is looking upwards with a wide-eyed, open-mouthed expression of surprise or excitement. She is holding a black pen in her right hand. The background is blurred, showing other people in a classroom or school setting.

STRATEGIC GOAL #1:

EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE



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STRATEGIC GOAL #2: VISIONARY LEADERSHIP



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STRATEGIC GOAL #3:

SUCCESSFUL TRANSITIONS



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EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING



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PLAY-BASED LEARNING



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JOYFUL LEARNING



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SAFE & WELCOMING SCHOOLS



Conduct For Parents & Guardians

Expectations

1 Respectful Communication

Parents & guardians are expected to communicate respectfully and constructively with all members of the school community. This includes in person conversations, email, phone calls, etc.



2 Conduct on School Property

To help maintain a safe and welcoming school environment, parents & guardians must model appropriate behaviour for our students by using responsible language and actions. Adults will not approach or engage with another family's child to resolve conflicts, obtain information, or address concerns. Such matters should be directed to school staff or administration.

We ask that parents & guardians:

- Sign in upon arrival in the school
- Follow staff guidance and direction
- Refrain from entering classrooms without permission

3 Online Conduct

Parents & guardians must use digital communications—including email, social media, and school platforms—in a respectful and responsible way. This means not posting or sharing content that could harm others, such as comments that are unkind, misleading, or that share private information about students, families, or staff. Any online communication about members of the school community is expected to follow these same guidelines, no matter what platform is used.

4 Privacy and Confidentiality

Parents & guardians must respect the privacy of all students, families, and staff and must not share personal or identifying information about others without their knowledge and consent. This includes photos and recordings on any school property.



5 Supporting the Resolution of Concerns

When concerns arise, parents & guardians must follow the established resolution process:

1. Always start by discussing the concern with the adult directly involved (start with the source)
2. Engage with respect and in good faith
3. Respect all parties privacy
4. Work collaboratively to seek a resolution
5. Follow the above process before formal escalation



INNOVATION & EXCELLENCE



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Search BC's Course Curriculum

You can search our Kindergarten to Grade 12 curriculum by course or keyword

For example: Mathematics [Search](#)



Congratulations to the class of 2026!

WEST VANCOUVER SCHOOLS DIFFERENCE MAKERS

OUR GRADS ARE GOING PLACES

Congratulations to all 715 Grade 12's from Inglewood, Rockridge, Sentinel and West Vancouver Secondary Schools. Behind every acceptance letter is a story of hard work, determination and growth. We celebrate the achievements of the Class of 2026 and the exciting opportunities that await them at leading institutions across Canada and around the world.

BRIGHT FUTURES

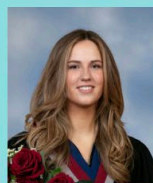
From their first day of school to graduation, students are encouraged to dream big, think boldly and pursue what matters most to them. Nearly 95 percent of West Vancouver Schools graduates continue to post-secondary education within a year of graduation, taking the next step toward their dreams and preparing to make a difference in the world.



Arina Asgari
Sentinel Secondary
University of Toronto
Life Sciences



Timo Joseph
Sentinel Secondary
University of British Columbia
Sauder School of Business



Madeline Mcleod
Rockridge Secondary
London School of Economics
Management



Jason-Chanhong Seol
Rockridge Secondary
New York University
Media, Culture & Communications



Ariel Li
West Vancouver Secondary
University College London
Robotics & Artificial Intelligence



Benjamin Brosnan
West Vancouver Secondary
Duke University
Public Policy & Economics

Acadia University
Bath Spa University
Barnard College
BCIT
Belmont University
Bocconi University
Boston College
Brandeis University
Brock University
Capilano University
Concordia University
Cornell University
Georgetown University
Imperial College London
King's College London
Langara University

London School of Economics
Maastricht University
McGill University
McMaster University
MIT
New York University
Pepperdine University
Pratt Institute
Queen's University
Rhode Island School of Design
Savannah College of Art & Design
Simon Fraser University
Shanghai Music Academy
Sheridan College
Stanford University
St. Francis Xavier University

St. Mary's University
Toronto Metropolitan University
Trent University
UBC Vancouver & Okanagan
UCalifornia Berkeley
UCalifornia Davis
UCalifornia Irvine
UCalifornia LA
University College London
University of Alberta
University of Bristol
University of Calgary
University of Edinburgh
University of Guelph
University of Leeds
University of Liverpool
University of Manitoba

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
University of Milan
University of Pittsburgh
University of Rochester
University of San Diego
University of Toronto
University of Utah
University of Vermont
University of the Pacific
University of Waterloo
University of Southern California
University of Victoria
Western University
Wilfred Laurier University
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**What does
Kindergarten
look like West
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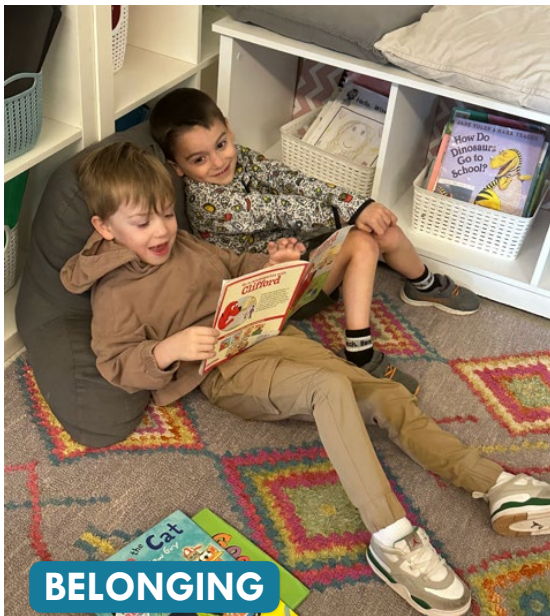
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Kindergarten Life



Kindergarten: Learning for Life

Curious. Capable. Connected. Compassionate.



Children learn through relationships, play, exploration and wonder.

DESIGNING LEARNING FOR ALL

“Every child deserves a learning environment that honours their unique strengths, needs, and ways of knowing.”

— BC Early Learning Framework

Inclusive design means creating joyful, play-based experiences where every learner belongs. Through collaborative planning, intentional environments, and responsive relationships, we build a community where all children learn and thrive together.



B.C.'s Early Learning Framework

A shared vision for respectfully living and learning together



The image of the child

Children are viewed as capable, full of potential, and active participants in their learning.



Learning is relational

Children learn through relationships with people, places, materials, ideas and the natural world.



Play invites possibility

Play and inquiry create space for curiosity, imagination, problem solving and meaning making.

Learning in the Primary Years

Joyful, holistic and responsive learning

Explore, Play and Learn

Curiosity and discovery

Talk and Think

Language and ideas



Belong and Regulate

Well-being and connection

Connect to Community, Culture and the World

Relationships and place

Kindergarten builds dispositions for lifelong learning alongside knowledge and competencies



Core Competencies

The Core Competencies are sets of intellectual, personal, and social and emotional proficiencies that all students need to develop in order to engage in deep learning and life-long learning.



Communication

The ability to receive, understand, and communicate ideas and information effectively.



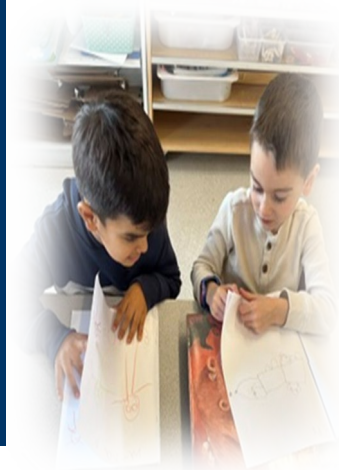
Thinking

Critical and creative thinking to develop new ideas and solve problems.



Personal & Social

Personal awareness, responsibility, and positive identity development.



Families are essential partners

“Families have the most important role in contributing to children’s wellbeing and learning.”

Early Learning Framework Principles, B.C. Early Learning Framework, 2019



**OUR
SHARED
GOAL**

**Every child feels known, valued, challenged,
supported and joyful.**

DREAMS, NEEDS & ABILITIES

Your child's D.N.A.

A simple way to help us know your child well.



Seamless, Successful Transitions

Building familiarity, connection and confidence before September



CHILD



FAMILY



SCHOOL

The Year Ahead

Key opportunities for families to connect before Kindergarten

JANUARY – JUNE

**Pop Up Play events in the community
Parent Engagement and Empowerment Sessions**

APRIL – MAY

Welcome to Kindergarten events at schools

JUNE

Family Fun Fair

We look forward to welcoming your family!

Working Together in West Vancouver



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COMMUNITY SUPPORTS



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Child and
Parent
Programs



Beyond challenges—the sky's the limit



Ministry of
Education and
Child Care



StrongStart

Early Learning Program for
Parents/Caregivers and Children
(Birth – 5 years old)



Schedule

Eagle Harbour StrongStart

5575 Marine Drive, West Vancouver

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

Morning: 8:45 am – 11:00 am



Hollyburn StrongStart

1329 Duchess Avenue, West Vancouver

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

Afternoon: 12:15 pm – 2:30 pm

Registration is required.

For more information, please email:

strongstart@wvschools.ca

STRONG START PROGRAMS



SCAN ME

**How do I
apply for
Kindergarten?**



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WEST VANCOUVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS & HIGH SCHOOLS

Our Schools

A progressive and technologically advanced learning community drawing students from West Vancouver, Bowen Island, Lions Bay and beyond.

FIND OUT ABOUT OUR SCHOOLS

www.westvancouver.schools.ca



Locate a School

Use the [School Locator](#) tool to locate a school that serves your address

Search

Please enter your street name in the box below to find the schools that serve your address.

A House Number

Will be asked for in the next step

B Street Name

[Find My School](#)



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Primary & Elementary Schools

[Bowen Island \(View a Tour\)](#)
[Caulfeild \(iDEC\) \(View a Tour\)](#)
[Chartwell \(View a Tour\)](#)
[Cypress Park \(IB PYP\) \(View a Tour\)](#)
[Eagle Harbour Montessori \(View a Tour\)](#)
[École Cedardale \(IB PYP\) \(View a Tour\)](#)
[École Pauline Johnson \(View a Tour\)](#)
[Gleneagles Ch'axá'y \(View a Tour\)](#)
[Hollyburn \(View a Tour\)](#)
[Irwin Park \(View a Tour\)](#)
[Lions Bay \(View a Tour\)](#)
[Ridgeview \(View a Tour\)](#)
[West Bay \(IB PYP\) \(View a Tour\)](#)
[Westcot \(View a Tour\)](#)

HOW TO APPLY

REQUIRED
DOCUMENTATION

ADMISSIONS
TIMELINES

STUDENT
ADMISSIONS
GUIDELINES

DIPLOMAT, REFUGEE,
STUDY PERMIT,
WORK PERMIT

WELCOME TO WEST
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2026/2027 Admissions
Applications open October 15th for all Kindergarten
and all Grade 1-12 in catchment students

APPLY NOW

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Apply Now

STEP 1

Gather all the required documentation before you start the application process and make good-quality PDF copies of each one. For a full list of documents please [click here](#).

The application will not be submitted properly unless documentation is attached to the online application form.

STEP 2

Select the school year for which you are applying.

Make sure you select the correct form. If the wrong year is chosen, the form will be removed and the original time/date stamp lost.



This School Year
2026 – 2027

2026/2027 [Click here](#)



Next School Year
2027 – 2028

Available 8am October 15, 2026

STEP 3

Provide the requested information on each tab of the online admissions application form. Information requested includes:

- Prioritized school preferences
- Student information
- Documentation
- Parent address and contact information for each parent who holds parental responsibility
- Residence Information
- History
- Alerts
- Programs

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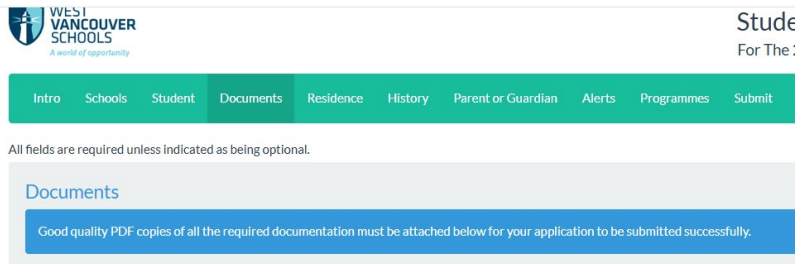
To find your local catchment school,
please use the [school locator tool](#).

STEP 4

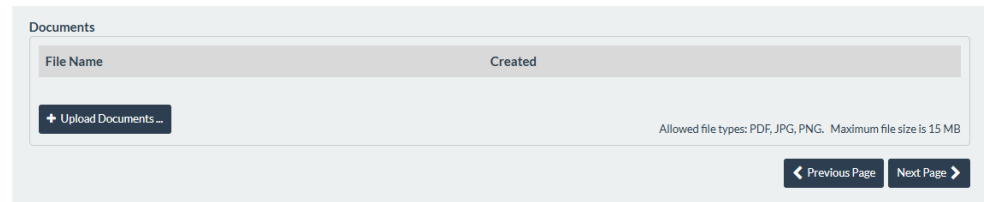
Ensure the required documentation on the secure documentation tab of the online form is complete. A printable list of the required documents can be found by [clicking here](#).

Documentation Uploads

➤ There is an upload tab in the online registration form:



The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the West Vancouver Schools website. The logo is on the left, and the text 'Student For The:' is on the right. The navigation menu includes links for Intro, Schools, Student, Documents, Residence, History, Parent or Guardian, Alerts, Programmes, and Submit. Below the menu, a note states: 'All fields are required unless indicated as being optional.' The 'Documents' tab is highlighted, and a blue box below it says: 'Good quality PDF copies of all the required documentation must be attached below for your application to be submitted successfully.'



The screenshot shows the 'Documents' section of the online registration form. It features a table with two columns: 'File Name' and 'Created'. Below the table is a button labeled '+ Upload Documents ...'. To the right of the button, it says 'Allowed file types: PDF, JPG, PNG. Maximum file size is 15 MB'. At the bottom right, there are two buttons: 'Previous Page' and 'Next Page'.

- Applications must include ALL required documentation to be considered complete.
- Gather ALL of your required documents and make good quality PDF copies before you start the application form.
- Schools may request translated copies or in person verification of documentation

Required documents:

A. Student's Age and Identity

Birth Certificate, Passport, Citizenship Certificate/Card, Secure Certificate of Indian Status Card, other government-issued immigration document showing legal identity and date of birth

B. Guardianship

Child's long form birth certificate, complete court ordered guardianship documents

C. Residency / Primary Address in BC

Primary Document	Utility Document	Supplemental Documents
• Property Tax Notice • BC Assessment Notice • Complete long term Residential Tenancy Agreement • Completed Purchase Agreement	• BC Hydro bill • Fortis BC bill • Municipal metered utility statement • Wyse, Enerpro • Cable TV or Internet bill • Landline telephone bill	• ICBC vehicle registration or insurance documents • Mobile phone bill • Bank or credit card • Homeowner or tenant insurance • BC Driver's Licence, BC, Identification card, BC Services card

Required documents:

D. Parent/Guardians Status in Canada

Canadian birth certificate, Canadian passport, Canadian citizenship certificate/card, Canadian Permanent Resident Card, Secure Certificate of Indian Status Card

OR

*Refugee Claimant Identification Document or Refugee status documentation,
Diplomatic status

Work Permit, Study Permit

*Admissions under these categories are reviewed by Fundable Admissions prior to completion of the registration process.

E. Child's Previous School Documents (if available)

Relevant assessments or other documents that may support educational programming and placement

ADDITIONAL ADMISSIONS INFORMATION:

- Application must include ALL the required documentation to be considered complete.
- Applications which remain incomplete two weeks after the application submission date will be deleted.
- Applications for admission will be time and date stamped at the time the form was submitted.
- If an incorrect form was submitted, you will need to complete and resubmit the correct one, losing your time and date stamp.
- Completion of an online form does NOT guarantee acceptance at your first-choice school.
- Only students with complete applications (i.e. all required documents submitted) will be considered for placement or added to waitlists.
- Schools may request additional supplementary documentation.
- Documents will be verified by the first choice school.
- Schools may request in-person document submission at their discretion.
- Documents must be submitted by a parent or documented legal guardian, not another family member, caregiver, or friend.
- If you wish to make any changes to your application after you have submitted, please email admissions@wvschools.ca or contact your first-choice school.

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Intro

Schools

Student

Documents

Residence

History

Parent or Guardian

Alerts

Programmes

Submit

Student Application

For The 2026-2027 School Year

- You must include 3 schools for the form to submit

Double check that you are filling out the 2027-2028 school year

- Available at both École Cedardale and École Pauline Johnson
- Registration is decided by two separate **lotteries**
 - Applications with completed documentation must be submitted by **November 30, 2026 at 3:00 pm**
 - To be included in the French Immersion lottery, you must choose CE or PJ to be your **first or second choice school**.
 - If you wish to be considered for placement at BOTH French Immersion schools, you must select both schools as your first and second choice schools
 - If you are not successful in the lottery, you will be waitlisted at your third-choice school

Early French Immersion

The 2027 – 2028 Lotteries will be held in early December 2026 and results will be communicated by email, with all participants notified before the Winter Break.

Fundable Admissions

Diplomat | Refugee | Study Permit | Work Permit

The Fundable Admissions Department at West Vancouver Schools is responsible for reviewing and approving the documents of Diplomat, Refugee, Study Permit, and Work Permit families before the general school admissions application process.

A student who is in British Columbia with his or her parent (also documented legal guardian, hereafter listed as 'parent') might be eligible for a publicly-funded education if the parent meets criteria set out by the provincial government and West Vancouver Schools.



How to Apply:

1. Review all the information below carefully
2. Gather all the required documentation required for approval
3. Create an account on the secure Family Portal (True North)
4. Click Create New Application and select the correct Fundable Admissions application form – Diplomat, Refugee, Study Permit, or Work Permit
5. Complete the application form and ensure all the required documentation is attached, including the signed and dated Fundable Admissions Agreement

Once the application has been submitted and is complete, the Fundable Admissions Department will review your file. Application processing time is typically 7-10 business days after the date of submission, but may take several weeks during busy periods.

Applications will be processed according to the district priority, with in-district applications processed first, followed by out-of-district applications.

In certain cases, we must verify information directly with third-party organizations such as employers, educational institutions, embassies, landlords, etc.

The parent must provide official and original documentation to prove they are eligible under one of the four categories below:

▼ 1. Diplomat
▼ 2. Refugee
▼ 3. Study Permit
▼ 4. Work Permit

If your application is approved, the Fundable Admissions department will issue a student file number and provide instructions for applying for general school admission.

APPLY HERE FOR FUNDABLE ADMISSIONS APPROVAL

IMPORTANT DATES

Date	
October 15	✓ Admissions opens at 8 am for all kindergarten applications (in-catchment, in-district, and out of district students)
November 30	✓ Lottery period for <u>Early French Immersion</u> Kindergarten applications closes at 3 pm ✓ Placement lottery to follow in early December ✓ Communication with families regarding the lottery before Winter Break
Spring	Placement offers/waitlist notifications according to priority placement order and space availability

Ask the Experts



Keep in touch!

**Join our mailing
list for events &
opportunities**

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