



KinderCare Program

The first six years of a child's life are an extremely important time in their development when the brain is developing connections faster than at any other time. Strong brain foundations are critical to support future learning and life success. The KinderCare Program is offered in addition to kindergarten to allow for all day programming and increased opportunities for children to engage in purposeful play-based activities with peers. Activities are designed to encourage exploration, foster creativity, problem solving skills and language expression to support future learning and well-being.

Locations

Programs will be offered at the following schools as a pilot program for the 2024-2025 school year.

- Nicholas Sheran School
- Senator Buchanan School

Age Eligibility

Children enrolled in kindergarten at the pilot schools are eligible to attend. Children need to be five years old by December 31 to attend kindergarten in September.

Fees

Registration Fee: 40.00 non-refundable fee once placement is confirmed with family

Program Fee: \$275.00 per month

- Fees support the staff costs associated with running this *optional* program. Alberta Education provides funding for a half-time kindergarten program only.
- Fees will be paid through School Cash Online on the first of each month.
- Fees will not be reimbursed due to illness, personal holidays, etc.
- Fees will only be reimbursed if the program has been closed by Lethbridge School Division.

To withdraw a child from KinderCare families must provide written notice to the registered school 14 days prior to their last day.

Registration

Families can pre-register online for KinderCare. Schools will confirm registration as space allows, in the order applications are received.

Program Times

KinderCare follows the school calendar and school bell times.

Children registered in KinderCare will attend in the morning or the afternoon – opposite of their kindergarten program. This allows for all day programming Monday to Thursday and Friday mornings (bell start time to bell end time each day). They will eat lunch in the KinderCare classroom.

Should a family require childcare before and/or after school, they can inquire around eligibility and space with:

Nicholas Sheran: YMCA (403) 942-5757, It's a BLAST Program (403) 320-3988

Senator Buchanan: Boys and Girls Club (403) 327-6423

Childcare subsidy for these programs is available for families that qualify.

Transportation

Children enrolled in KinderCare who meet eligibility and are registered for school bus transportation at Senator Buchanan and Nicholas Sheran can access the school bus to and from school Monday to Friday.

Staff

Our KinderCare Programs are staffed with a program leader and an educational assistant.



Please contact Senator Buchanan School or Nicholas Sheran School if you have questions.