

Montessori Program

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Are there important dates to remember for the registration process?

Yes, please visit the *Timeline* section on the [Montessori Program](#) page for key dates and details.

Can I re-apply for District Program Options (Montessori)?

If you do not receive placement in Kindergarten at your Montessori school, you can re-apply for the draw the following school year for Grade 1, 2, 3, and 4.

Can I transfer my child who is currently enrolled in a Richmond School District Montessori school to another Montessori school in the district?

Transfer applications to another District Program Options (Montessori) school are **NOT** accepted for Montessori Kindergarten and Grade 1.

How can I apply for Montessori?

- **Children Currently Attending a Richmond School District School** – For children already registered and attending a Richmond School District school who wish to enter Montessori for the first time (Kindergarten - Grade 4), please follow the instructions in the *How to Apply* section on the [Montessori Program](#) page
- **Children Currently Attending a Private/Independent School in Richmond** – Students currently attending a private school who wish to apply for Montessori must first register at Central Registration with the required documents as outlined on the [Registration Information page](#).
- **Children Currently Attending School Outside the City of Richmond** – Non-Richmond residents need to apply to register, please follow the directions as outlined on [this page](#). If approved to register, non-Richmond residents can email programoptions@sd38.bc.ca to apply and will be added to the end of the waitlist.

How do I ensure that I receive e-mails from the Program Options office?

All correspondence such as information concerning your child's placement are done via e-mail. You should set your computer's anti-spam filter (if applicable) to accept emails from ProgramOptions@sd38.bc.ca. You should also add this e-mail address to your email contact list or address book. This will ensure that your email provider and computer do not reject emails coming from this e-mail address.

How do the wait lists function?

Wait lists for Montessori Grades 1 to 4 will be dissolved on the third Friday of September at 4:00pm.

Wait lists for Montessori Kindergarten will be dissolved on the third Friday of December at 4:00pm.

We do not provide specific information as to location on the wait list or size of the wait list. Families will be contacted if a placement becomes available before that time.

Is transportation provided for students in Montessori - District Program Options?

Parents are responsible to provide transportation for their children enrolled in District Program Options, which includes Montessori programs.

What happens if I register after the deadline?

The application will be accepted and placed at the end of the wait list.

What if you decide to withdraw your child from the Montessori Program after accepting placement?

- Families who accept Montessori placement for their child are no longer registered at their local catchment school.
- Parents/legal guardians must re-register their child at Central Registration for their English catchment school.
- There is **no guarantee** there will be space at your local catchment school.
- It is the parent/legal guardian's responsibility to contact the District Program Options office by email at ProgramOptions@sd38.bc.ca.
- For more information about registration timelines, please visit the [Registration Information page](#).