

## **DISTRICT PROGRAM OPTIONS 2025-2026 Information for Administrative Assistants**

October 2024

Beginning November 1, 2024 District Program Options applications are accepted at Central Registration.

The entry years for District Program Options are Early French Immersion Kindergarten & Grade 1; Late French Immersion Grade 6; and Montessori Kindergarten to Grade 4.

### **Application Deadline:**

- Parents/Legal Guardians are responsible for completing an online application by **January 17, 2025, 4:00pm.**

### **Notification of Placement:**

- Families will be notified by email of the status of their child's placement or waitlist by February 4, 2025.

### **Confirmation of Acceptance:**

- Parents' responses are due by **February 7, 2025, 4:00 pm.** If we do not receive an email response by this time, the child's placement will be moved to the bottom of the wait list.

### **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) Highlights:**

- Families who accept District Program Options placement are no longer registered at their catchment school. Families who withdraw their placement from District Program Options must re-register at Central Registration and return to their catchment school. There is no guarantee there will be space at their local catchment school.
- Transfers for District Program Options are not accepted for EFI K and Grade 1, LFI Grade 6 and Montessori K and Grade 1.
- Transfers are considered for students who will be attending the same requested school and same Program Option for the same school year.
- If the student did not receive placement in Kindergarten, they can re-apply for the draw the following year for EFI Grade 1 and for Montessori Grades 1-4.
- Parents are responsible for transporting their children enrolled in a choice program such as District Program Options.

### **Late Sibling Applications:**

- Sibling applications received after the deadline will be added to the waitlist generated from the draw. Please pass this information to your families: they must complete an application for the younger sibling before the deadline.

**DISTRICT PROGRAM OPTIONS TIMELINE:**

Nov. 1, 2024 – Jan. 17, 2025	Application period.
Jan. 17, 2025, 4:00 pm	Application deadline.
Jan. 24, 2025	Parents should contact ProgramOptions@sd38.bc.ca if they did not receive a confirmation of notification email.
Feb. 4, 2025	Parents notified by email the status of their child's placement or waitlist.
Feb. 7, 2025, 4:00 pm	Parent responses due. They cannot provide acceptance prior to the draw taking place. If we do not receive an email response by this time, their child will be moved to the bottom of the wait list.
March 10, 2025	Schools receive placement lists.
Sep. 12, 2025	Waitlists for EFI Grade 1, LFI Grade 6 and Montessori Grades 1-4 is dissolved. No further placements after this date.
Dec. 19, 2025	Waitlists dissolved EFI Kindergarten and Montessori Kindergarten is dissolved. No further placements after this date.

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