



School District 8
Kootenay Lake

KINDERGARTEN

Let's get started!





The transition from home to school is an exciting milestone, and we will work together to make kindergarten a positive and happy experience for you and your child.

WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN!

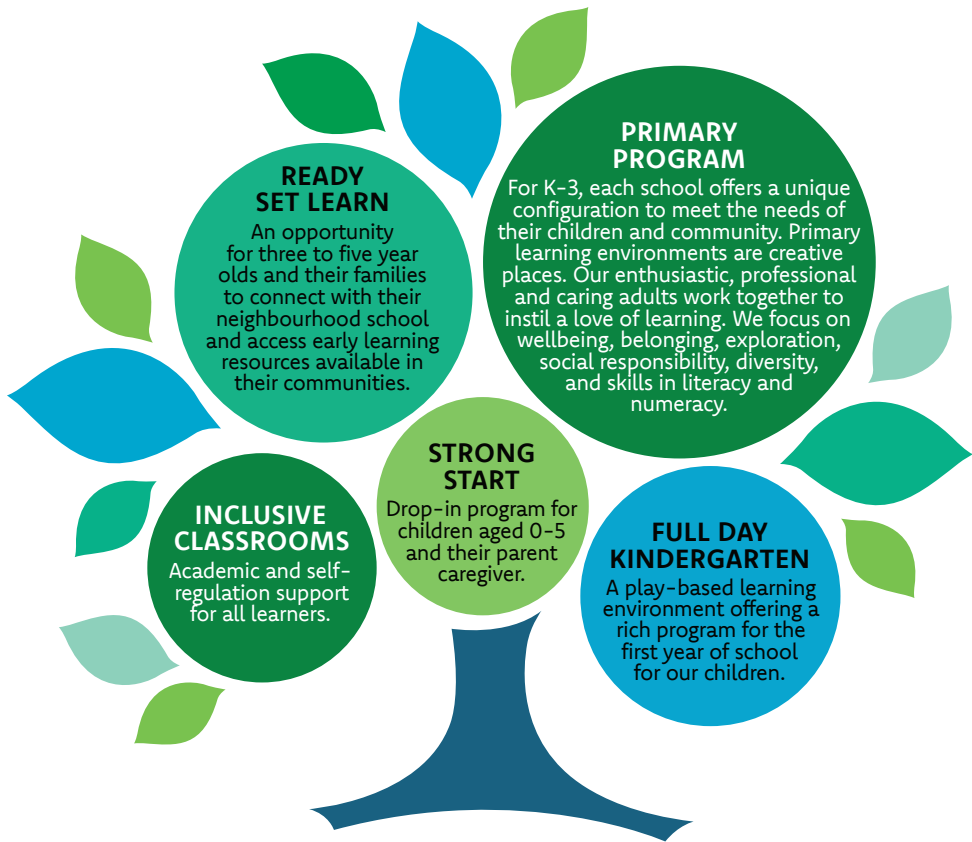
LEARNING AND GROWING TOGETHER

B.C. has a comprehensive primary program that recognizes families as essential partners. The program is designed to support the needs of all learners. The kindergarten learning environment provides time and space for children to explore and develop at their own pace. When you visit your child's classroom you will see children actively engaged in a wide range of learning opportunities.

SD8 TERRITORY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We acknowledge, respect and honour the First Nations in whose traditional territories the Kootenay Lake School District operates and all Aboriginal people residing within the boundaries of School District 8.





WARM, SAFE, CARING ENVIRONMENTS - WE WELCOME ALL FAMILIES!



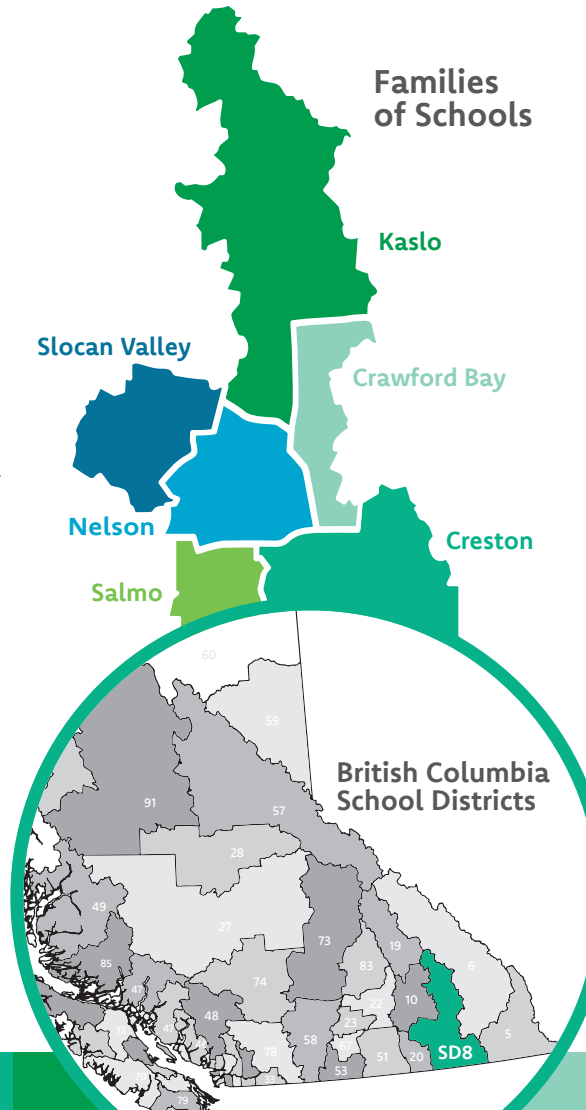
DISCOVER OUR SCHOOLS & PROGRAMS

School District No. 8 (Kootenay Lake) (SD8) covers a large geographical area that includes six families of schools: Nelson, Kaslo, Crawford Bay, Creston, Salmo and the Slocan Valley. We also offer online and alternative learning options for families, including ELEV8—our Provincial Online Learning School.

In each of our communities we offer Strongstart and Ready Set Learn programs for families of children aged 0 to 5. These free drop-in programs allow families to connect with their neighbourhood school, meet families with similar aged children, and access early learning resources.

Our schools enrol about 4,700 students from kindergarten to grade 12 and our district employs over 800 staff.

Our mission is to inspire and support each learner to thrive in a caring learning environment.





STARTING OUT RIGHT

Our kindergarten program creates the foundation for your child's positive learning journey – encouraging children to play and learn through a variety of experiential education opportunities to support their emotional, social, physical, intellectual and creative development.

B.C. CURRICULUM

We encourage you to visit the Government of B.C. website to learn more about early learning and the kindergarten curriculum:

- [gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/early-learning/support/](http://gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/early-learning/support/kindergarten)
kindergarten
- curriculum.gov.bc.ca



ABORIGINAL EDUCATION

SD8 supports the success of First Nations (Status and Non-status), Métis, and Inuit students who self-identify as Aboriginal.

Learn more at aboriginal.sd8.bc.ca





FULL DAY KINDERGARTEN

Kindergarten provides a wonderful opportunity to build a strong foundation for lifelong learning. It is designed to enhance a child's overall development and reflects an understanding that children learn through active engagement and play.

KINDERGARTEN TRANSITION

*Please check with **your catchment school** for details about their September gradual-entry kindergarten schedule and to find out about fun transition events that happen before kindergarten starts in September.*





HOW DO I ENROL MY CHILD IN KINDERGARTEN?

Children may start kindergarten in September of the year they turn five years old. When registering your child, please bring their birth certificate, proof of home residence, immunization records since birth, and any other important health documents.

Visit www.sd8.bc.ca/kindergarten for registration information, district calendar, catchment areas, busing, and school hours.



IS TRANSPORTATION AVAILABLE?

SD8 offers free busing for school aged children who live more than 2.5 km (primary students) or 3.0 km (intermediate and secondary students) from their school.

Children busing to and from their catchment area school have priority busing registration.

Visit www.sd8.bc.ca/transportation for more information about bus registration.



AS YOU PREPARE FOR SEPTEMBER...

In B.C. children are considered ready for kindergarten during the calendar year that they turn five.

Important routines to practice with your child include hygiene and self-care (washing hands, toileting) and development of independence in dressing (zippers, buttons, shoes, backpack).





How can
I support
my child's
success at
school?



Play lots of games together

Get involved— volunteer, attend PAC meetings, read newsletters



Talk often— about everything!

Play, create, dance, and sing together!



Set up play dates for your child

Establish predictable routines:

- mealtimes
- bedtime
- mornings



Read together daily

START WITH POSITIVITY

Talk positively with your child about school and the people who work there including their teacher, the school principal, bus drivers, custodians, educational assistants, and other school staff. Talk positively about their kindergarten classmates and other students.



KINDERGARTEN ESTABLISHES THE FOUNDATION FOR YOUR CHILD TO BECOME A LIFELONG LEARNER

In SD8, we offer flexible and innovative approaches to inspire children to be curious, creative, self-confident and stewards of the natural world and the global community.



WE RECOGNIZE EVERY CHILD'S UNIQUE GIFTS AND STRENGTHS.

We use those strengths to nurture and develop the whole child.

A CARING & INCLUSIVE LEARNING CULTURE

We promote physical and mental well-being through social-emotional learning to foster compassionate learners.

We are looking forward to meeting all children and their diverse families!



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