

Let's Get Started!

The Kindergarten Registration Season

Register anytime at your local school!! Inquire about how we can support your child in transitioning to school!

REGISTERING FOR OUR PROGRAMS

At Superior-Greenstone schools, registration is not just a one day event! We see this time as an important transition for our students and thus, school staffs plan events such as Fair Start and Welcome to Kindergarten. These programs take place in the schools and provide the new junior kindergarten students and their parent/caregiver with an opportunity to meet the teacher and to see the school and classroom. We also want to encourage more time spent in the school for the new junior kindergarten student, participating in both school and classroom activities, so schools plan a variety of opportunities that might include classroom visits, attending special events, reading clubs, story time, etc. Parents have an opportunity to “get to know the school” before their children formally begin as they are invited to attend school events such as barbeques, assemblies, and learning sessions designed to support their children.

Registration is easy! If your child will be age four or five by December 31 of the current year, they are ready for junior or senior kindergarten starting September (for example, if your child will be age four or five by December 31 of 2014, then your child may begin school in September, 2014).

Students already in junior kindergarten do not have to re-register for senior kindergarten. Documents can be transferred as needed. Kindergarten registration is ongoing for all our schools, with one week in January or February acting as the official registration week.

Simply contact your local Superior-Greenstone District School Board School. For lists of school names and contact information, visit

<http://www.sgdsb.on.ca/article/our-schools-4.asp>

Steps to Register:

- To register, please bring **proof of age** in the form of a birth certificate, baptismal certificate, registration of birth card, or passport to your local school. Registration cannot be completed without one of these forms of identification.
- It would be helpful to bring your child's **Ontario Health Card**.
- The Public Health Unit will be contacting you regarding your child's **Immunization Record**.

Additional Information:

- ✓ School bus transportation is available to all kindergarten students who live more than 0.2 km from their school. Information is available at your school or from the East of Thunder Bay Transportation Consortium. For the SGDSB policy, please visit <http://www.sgdsb.on.ca/upload/documents/301---student-transportation-feb-17-10.pdf>
- ✓ The school will contact you to set up a time for the Fair Start screening. This is a tool that helps parents and caregivers to have a quick look at their child's overall development in the areas of
 - Speech and Language Development
 - Fine and Gross Motor Skills
 - Social and Developmental Self-Help Skills

For more information on the Fair Start screen, please visit <http://www.fairstart.ca>

- ✓ We recognize the strong role that parents play in the education of their children. To this end, all Superior-Greenstone District School Board schools offer the Welcome to Kindergarten program. The program was developed to provide pre-kindergarten children and their families with the early learning resources and experiences that can build a foundation for learning and a smooth transition to school. The school will be contacting you to extend an invitation to participate in this program.
- ✓ It is the policy of the Superior-Greenstone District School Board to provide the opportunity for all Aboriginal students and their parents and guardians to voluntarily self-identify as being First Nations, Métis, or Inuit. It is essential to understand our student population and have accurate student achievement data to improve success for all students. In accordance with the Ministry of Education's Aboriginal Policy Framework, accurate student achievement data needs to be collected to assess progress towards the goals of improving Aboriginal student achievement and closing the gap in academic achievement between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal students. Continued data collection and analysis will provide information for improvement planning and decision-making surrounding student success. You will be provided with the opportunity to identify your child as being First Nations, Métis or Inuit during registration. For additional information, please visit <http://www.sgdsb.on.ca/upload/documents/527---voluntary-aboriginal-student-self-.pdf>.