

2021-2022 KINDERGARTEN APPLICATION PROCESS

STEP 1: COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS SUBMITTED TO DEER LAKE SCHOOL

The Deer Lake School application form (fillable PDF) is available on our school website, under “Admissions”. Once you have completed the application form and all accompanying paperwork is assembled, please email to Mrs. Christina Luk, our office manager, at officemanager@deerlakeschool.ca. She will let you know if you are missing any documentation.

Original Documents with Translation Verified: Please provide copies of your original documents, and if they are in a language other than English, documents need to be translated into English by a certified translation organization and verified by a notary public.

All original documents will need to be verified by the school at your interview in Step 3 or before a student begins school in September 2021.

The Kindergarten application deadline is January 22, 2021, for the upcoming September 2021-2022 school year admission.

STEP 2: EARLY-LEARNING GROUP INTERVIEW SESSIONS

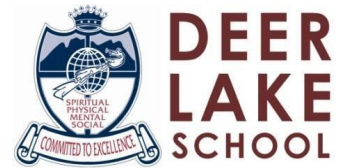
Once a completed kindergarten application form has been submitted to the school, all applicants will be invited to register for a 30-minute group interview session that will take place in the Kindergarten classroom in groups of 5 or fewer children on Sunday, January 17. Please note that time slots fill up quickly, and your preferred time may not be available:

- 10:00-10:30 am
- 11:00-11:30 pm
- 12:30-1:00 pm
- 1:30-2:00 pm
- 2:30-3:00 pm

Staff will wear masks and practice physical-distancing measures as much as possible, and all tables and supplies will be disinfected before and after each session. We strongly encourage students to come masked as well. Parents will be invited to drop their students off via our enclosed Kindergarten outdoor patio entrance around the back of the school, and they may wait either in their car or under our outdoor canopies (weather permitting) during the session.

During the 30-minute session, children will complete teacher-directed tasks, engage in free-play, and have an opportunity to participate in Centre-Time. The Deer Lake School principal, elementary vice-principal and Kindergarten teacher will be present to spend time with and observe the children. These sessions will help us determine which students are ready for our kindergarten program. Some of the skills assessed include gross motor skills, the ability to follow directions, social interaction and self-regulation.

Please note: If applicant families are unable to attend a group interview session on January 17th, admission to Deer Lake School in September will be conditional upon a 3-week observation period to determine the mutual best fit for both the child and our kindergarten program.



STEP 3: PERSONAL STUDENT INTERVIEWS AND ASSESSMENTS

Following the Early-Learning Group Interview Sessions, the school will contact student families to schedule an interview or to share reasons why admission may not be possible.

The 20-minute interview is with your child, accompanied by you as parents. It is hosted by the principal and vice-principal. Ideally, interviews would be in-person and physically distanced, but this will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis considering your family's needs and general provincial health and safety directives at that time. Alternatively, the interviews will take place via Zoom.

The interview is an opportunity

- 1) for our administration to get to know you and your child
- 2) to understand your needs and expectations
- 3) to review our vision and philosophy of education with you
- 4) to address any specific questions you may have about our school at that time.

Based on the information shared in your application, the school may ask to conduct additional assessments of your child to determine readiness, any educational support services needed, or English language proficiency level.

Kindergarten interview appointments will be scheduled weekdays Feb. 1-12, 2021

STEP 4: NOTIFICATION OF ADMISSION

Following your interview with the administrative team, parents will be notified by telephone with details of your child's eligibility for the September 2021-2022 school year. Students will be accepted based on space and/or suitable program availability or placed on a waitlist.

Notification of acceptance for kindergarten students will take place no later than Feb. 19, 2021