

Full-Day Early Learning – Kindergarten Program FAQ

What will students learn and do?

Through play-based learning and small group instruction, children develop a strong foundation for learning in all areas, including language and math, engage in healthy physical activities and the arts, and develop socially and emotionally through interaction with their peers and the educators who guide them.

Who is working in the classroom?

Teachers and early childhood educators (ECEs) work together in FDELKP classrooms to help young students learn during the regular school day. These educators have complementary skills that create a learning environment to support the unique needs of each child. With two qualified professionals in the classroom for the full school day, there is more time for individual and small group instruction.

What makes this program different from regular Kindergarten programs?

The FDELKP is a two year program for students who are four and five years of age. These classrooms have both a qualified classroom teacher and a certified early childhood educator so students receive more personalized attention. Rather than be separated into Junior and Senior Kindergarten, students in the FDELKP learn from both their teachers and their peers. Students in year two of the program (formerly called Senior Kindergarten) learn about leadership and mentoring by working with the year one students (formerly called Junior Kindergarten). Every effort is made to keep the same students and the same teacher and ECE together over the two years of the program. There is also a new curriculum for the FDELKP.

Why should parents enroll their students in the FDELKP?

Students in FDELKP benefit from:

- **A stronger start in school** - A full day of learning early in life can help improve a child's reading, writing and math skills and provide a strong foundation for future learning. It also makes the transition to Grade 1 easier for both the parent and the child.
- **More time with classmates** - During the regular school day, students will benefit from being able to socialize with other children and develop the academic and social skills necessary for future success.
- **A seamless and integrated day** – Children remain in familiar surroundings with staff and friends, rather than moving between different programs and locations.

How much does it cost?

There is no cost for the regular school day. At schools where a before- and after-school program is available, those costs are determined by the agency running the program. Some subsidies are available.

For an idea of costs for before- and after-school programming, parents can visit our website at www.kpdsb.on.ca -> Parents & Families -> Kindergarten Registration -> Childcare Programs.

Where can parents/families get more information?

Parents can visit the board website at www.kpdsb.on.ca. They can also find rates for before- and after-school programming on our website. Parents can also visit the Ministry of Education's website at www.edu.gov.on.ca/kindergarten.