

## NCDSB Kindergarten Programs

Aileen Wright English Catholic School - Cochrane  
Bishop Belleau School - Moosonee  
St. Patrick School - Kapuskasing  
(English & French Immersion)

St. Jerome School - Kirkland Lake (English & French Immersion)  
Holy Family School - Englehart  
English Catholic Central School - New Liskeard  
St. Patrick Catholic School - Cobalt

Pope Francis Elementary School - Timmins  
(English & French Immersion)  
St. Anne English Catholic School - Iroquois Falls  
(English & French Immersion)  
St. Joseph School - South Porcupine



### Documents required for program registration:

- Proof of Age (ex., Birth Certificate)
- Proof of Address
- Record of Immunization
- Roman Catholic Baptismal Certificate
- Emergency contact information
- Court documents for custody if applicable



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Welcome to the Kindergarten Program at the Northeastern Catholic District School Board. We are honoured that you are considering a Catholic school for your child's education. Our schools offer excellent faith-based environments that will allow your child to grow in a learning-based play program that strives to meet the needs of all children. We welcome the opportunity to be a support to your family as your child begins his/her educational experience.

Ontario's Early Learning Kindergarten program is a **child-centered, developmentally appropriate** program of learning for **four and five-year-old** children. The purpose of the program is to establish a strong foundation for learning in a safe and caring play-based environment that promotes the physical, social, emotional, and cognitive development of all children.

## What are Blended Programs?

Blended programs are different from "split grade" programs because there is only one curriculum taught. A blended JK/K model builds on student strengths and diversities. Older students help younger ones adapt and adjust to the classroom environment and daily experiences. Children interact and learn from each other in more meaningful ways while exploring, investigating and discovering the world around them.

All NCDSB Early Learning Kindergarten programs are **blended Year 1 and Year 2 Kindergarten classes** (formerly known as Junior and Senior Kindergarten). The two year Kindergarten Program document was written with combined **Kindergarten** classes in mind. This program allows students **two years** to reach the expectations outlined in the document.



## Learning in Kindergarten

The Kindergarten program consists of a balance of **exploration, investigation, guided instruction, and explicit instruction**. Children need many opportunities to explore and investigate through play.

These experiences allow children to build on their existing knowledge, create and clarify their own understandings, and experience a variety of instructional approaches. Children in the Kindergarten program interact with a range of hands-on materials, tools and equipment that encourage them to engage in many different forms of play.

Through developmentally-appropriate strategies, educators are able to accommodate the range of knowledge, experiences and abilities of the children in the program.

Research shows that both older and younger children benefit academically and socially in blended rather than same age programs. Older students naturally develop leadership skills, while the younger ones participate in more complex play than they would with students of the same age.

*Please share this information with family and friends who have children born in 2015!*