



**BEFORE and/or AFTER SCHOOL SURVEY TO DETERMINE PROGRAMS FOR
STUDENTS IN KINDERARTEN TO GRADE 6, FOR THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR**

Dear Parents/Guardians:

To ensure that we have an accurate understanding of Before and/or After School Program (BASP) needs, we ask that **ALL parents with children in Kindergarten to Grade 6 for September, 2017, complete a brief survey.** The purpose of the survey is to assist with determining whether or not a Before and/or After School Program will be offered at each school for September, 2017. **Please complete even if you are not requiring care.**

Programs are offered only where there is sufficient interest from parents and the numbers are viable for operators to run a program. Upper Grand District School Board is working in collaboration with the municipalities to gather data about demand and viability of BASP's.

- A survey link is available on the board website from January 9th to January 26th, 2017. This is also the Kindergarten registration period for English program and French Immersion program. <http://www.ugdsb.on.ca/kindergarten/before-after-school.aspx>
- Parents may also request a hard copy of the survey at their child's school and leave the completed survey with the office. These forms will be sent to the board office at the end of the survey date to be compiled.

At this time, it is important that families keep their current child care arrangements. We cannot guarantee that the programs you've indicated interest in, will be offered at your school. This decision is dependent on sufficient demand and viability. Programs being offered for September, 2017, will be posted on the board website by May 1st

Common Questions & Answers

1. How is it determined which schools offer programs?

The school board collaborates with our municipality partners to determine where there is both demand and viability for programs. **Completing the survey does not guarantee there will be a Program at your child's school, but it provides us with valuable information about where there is a need, to help determine where programs may be offered.**

Upper Grand District School Board is currently seeking proposals from licensed Third Party Child Care Operators to provide licensed Before and/or After School programs, beginning September 2017. Once a decision has been made that a program(s) will be offered, Third Party Child Care Operators will be contracted to operate the program(s). The Operator may at that time send their own survey home to families to determine actual numbers and begin the registration process.

2. What is the cost for my child to attend these programs?

We do not have a fixed fee at this time, as third party operators determine fees for their program. The possible range of fees for next school year will be as follows:

Before School:	Approximately \$7.00 - \$10.00
After School:	Approximately \$11.00 - \$17.00
Before and After School:	Approximately \$18.00 - \$27.00
Recreation Programs:	unknown at this time

(Proposed fees are subject to change. Fee subsidies may be available through your municipality.)

3. When are these programs available?

Families may choose to have their child(ren) attend a program that is:

- a. Before School
- b. After School
- c. Before and After School
- d. After school Recreation Program (This is a new option)

4. Are these programs offered on non-instructional days?

The proposed programs are offered on all instructional days and with sufficient interest, some programs may be offered on non-instructional days (e.g., PA Days, and school breaks).

5. What are the hours of operation?

Expected hours of operation for Before and/or After School programs for the 2016/2017 school year would be as follows: Before School: No earlier than 7:00 a.m. to entry bell

After School: Dismissal bell to no later than 6:00 p.m.

6. How are these programs staffed?

Each school offering a program would have at least one Registered Early Childhood Educator, or an individual approved by the Ministry of Education under the Child Care and Early Years Act. Additional staff would depend on the ages and number of children attending the programs. This is determined by the Third Party Child Care Operator.

7. Are children provided with snacks?

Children attending the after school portion of the BASP program are provided with snacks.

8. Is transportation available for my child to attend a Before and/or After School Program?

Transportation will not be provided for the Before and/or After School programs. Parents are responsible for making arrangements to have their child/ren dropped and/or picked up.

Sincerely,

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