

Before and/or After School Program

Information

A Before and/or After School Program (BASP) provides children with more opportunities to learn and grow. It provides a day with fewer transitions for children and families. A BASP complements the regular school day with a mix of exploration, guided independent activities, quiet times and outdoor play. The Program is guided by the document 'How Does Learning Happen? Ontario's Pedagogy for the Early Years'. Before and/or After School Programs are provided in English, including schools with a French Immersion Program.

What Before and/or After School Programs are offered?

BASP's may include Licensed and/or Authorized Recreational Programs for Kindergarten (JK/SK) and School Age (Grades 1-6) children.

- Licensed Kindergarten (JK/SK) Program
- Licensed School Age (Grades 1-6) Program
- Authorized Recreational Kindergarten (JK/SK) Program
- Authorized Recreational School Age (Grades 1-6) Program

Who operates a Before and/or After School Program?

Before and/or After School Programs in the Upper Grand District School Board are delivered by Third Party Child Care Operators and their staff. To find out more about the Programs offered at a specific school, please contact the Third Party Child Care Operator directly. General information as well as contact information for existing Programs are posted on the board website.



When does a Before and/or After School Program operate?

Before and/or After School Programs are offered on regular school days. Hours are posted on the board website. The earliest time the Before School Program starts is 7:00 am and the latest time the After School Program ends is 6:00 pm.

'Some' Third Party Child Care Operators offer care on non-instructional days (PA Days and School Breaks). The decision to operate on these days is made by individual Third Party Child Care Operators and in consultation with the board.

How to know if a Before and/or After School Program is offered at a school?

Schools offering a Before and/or After School Program are posted on the board website. Program availability for the upcoming school year is updated on the board website by May 1st of each school year.

- Go to the board website www.ugdsb.ca
- Click on: Programs > Child Care > Before and/or After School Program

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How to register for a Before and/or After School Program?

Where a Program is offered, parents are to contact the Third Party Child Care Operator directly to ask questions, register their child in the Program or to be placed on a waiting list.

What is the cost of a Before and/or After School Program?

Third Party Child Care Operators determine the costs for each Program, therefore, costs vary from school to school. Contact the Third Party Child Care Operator to find out the cost at a specific school. Costs are also posted on the Upper Grand District School Board website. For information about obtaining a fee subsidy, please contact the County of Dufferin or the County of Wellington Children's Early Years Division.

Licensed Kindergarten (JK/SK) Program:

Before School- ranges from \$6-\$15/day/child
After School- ranges from \$11-\$20/day/child

Licensed School Age (Grades 1-6) Program:

Before School- ranges from \$6-\$16/day/child
After School- ranges from \$14-\$21/day/child

Authorized Recreational Kindergarten (JK/SK) and School Age (Grades 1-6) Program:

Before School- ranges from \$11-\$14/day/child
After School- ranges from \$17-\$20/day/child

BASP Survey

The UGDSB online Before and/or After School Program (BASP) survey is completed by parents/guardians only if:

- a Program is not already offered at their child's designated home school, and
- their child will be registered in Kindergarten to Grade 6, and
- parents/guardians do not already have before and/or after school care arranged for their child and will need access to a BASP

The survey is open during the start of kindergarten registration in January and remains open until the end of January. The survey link can be found on the board website (BASP page and BASP brochure).

The survey only lists schools that do not currently have a Program. The survey assists with determining demand, viability, and whether or not a BASP may be offered in schools where a Program is not already operating.

The UGDSB works in collaboration with the counties of Dufferin and Wellington Early Years Divisions and also consults with Child Care Operators to gather information and data about the demand and viability of Before and/or After School Programs.

Completing the survey does not guarantee that there will be a BASP at a school currently without a Program. It also does not automatically register a child in the Program or put them on a waiting list.

A BASP may be offered at schools that do not currently have a Program, and where it has been determined that there is sufficient need from parents, and where there is viability. Sufficient need means that the number of children needing care are sufficient enough for a Third Party Child Care Operator to operate a Program. Viability means that there is a Third Party Child Care Operator able to provide a Program.

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