

# BEFORE-AND AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM OPTIONS FOR CHILDREN ATTENDING FULL-DAY KINDERGARTEN



## INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

### What is the Full-Day Kindergarten Before- and After-School Program?

This is an option offered to families for a fee as part of Full-Day Kindergarten. The program is for families who require care for their children before school starts in the morning and/or after school ends, until 6:00 p.m. It is offered in the school where Full-Day Kindergarten takes place.

### How do I let the school know that I am interested in the Before- and After-School Program for my child(ren)?

Parents will receive a Before- and After-School Survey when they register their child(ren) for kindergarten during kindergarten registration. Parents must complete the survey and return it to the school in order to let the school know they are interested in having their child(ren) attend the Before- and After-School Program.

The survey will ask parents if they are interested in registering their child(ren) for:

- the Before-School Program, the After-School Program or both
- non-school days such as: Professional Activity (P.A.) days, Christmas Break, March Break, and summer holidays.

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### **Will the program be offered on non-school days, such as P.A. days, Christmas Break, March Break and Summer Break?**

The program will only be offered on non-school days if the returned surveys indicate sufficient interest from parents.

### **What if my child is already in a child care program?**

All parents whose children are in licensed child care and are being enrolled in the Full-Day Kindergarten program are strongly encouraged to complete the survey provided by the school board. The results of the survey determine whether a Before- and After-School Program will be offered in the school. Parents using child care may wish to transfer or move their child to a Before- and After-School Program within their child's school.

Children with a fee subsidy will keep their fee subsidy for the Before- and After-School Program.

### **Will there be a Before- and After-School Program in every school?**

The survey results will help the school board to decide whether there is a need for a program at the school. The programs will only be offered when there is sufficient interest. It is important that parents fill out the survey and return it to the school so that the school board can determine whether there is an interest for such a program at their location.

### **Who will offer the Before- and After-School Program?**

The Before- and After-School Program will be operated either directly by the school board or by a licensed child care operator. If there is a child care operator in the school building they may qualify to operate the program.

### **What are the fees for the Before- and After-School Program?**

The survey will provide a fee range. An actual fee will be confirmed if a Before- and After-School Program is offered at your school.

### **Will I be able to keep my child care fee subsidy?**

Children who already have a child care fee subsidy will keep that subsidy for the Before- and After-School Program. The fee subsidy will remain with your child.

### **Can I apply for child care fee subsidy for Before-and After-School Programs?**

Families can apply for a child care fee subsidy for a Full-Day Kindergarten Before- and After-School Program online at [toronto.ca/children](http://toronto.ca/children). Your child(ren) will be placed on the child care fee subsidy wait list until a subsidy becomes available.

### **When will I know if my school will offer a Before- and After-School Program as part of Full-Day Kindergarten?**

By May 2012, it is expected that parents will be informed as to whether or not the program will be offered.