

CHILD CARE

The Board of Education supports the use of school district property for the provision of child care programs, by either the school district or third-party licensees. The use of district property shall not disrupt or interfere with the provision of educational activities including early learning programs and extracurricular activities.

1. The district will on behalf of the board, assess community need by engaging stakeholders from time to time. These stakeholders will include, but are not limited to: parents and guardians, employee groups, Indigenous community rights holders, service providers, existing child care operators and community organizations.
2. If child care programs are to be provided on district property, the district will review, on an ongoing basis, whether those programs should be provided by the district, third party licensees or a combination of both.
3. Any contract with a licensee to provide a child care program on district property must be in writing and is subject to annual review. Contracts must contain:
 - a. A description of the direct and indirect costs for which the licensee is responsible;
 - b. An agreement by the licensee to comply with all applicable district policies and operational procedures;
 - c. Provisions for amendment, renewal and termination of the agreement;
 - d. Requirements to maintain appropriate licensing to operate a child care facility and adequate insurance to protect the interests of the board.
4. In reviewing a program for initiation or renewal the district will consider:
 - a. Whether the application meets the goals and practices of the British Columbia Early Learning Framework;
 - b. The service provider's commitment to contribute to lasting reconciliation with Indigenous people, anchored by the province's cross-government commitment to fully adopt and implement the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) and the Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC).
 - c. The service provider's agreement with the goals of the District's Strategic Plan;
 - d. In the case of a program run by the district, the availability of school district staff to provide before and after school care;
 - e. In the case of a program run by a third-party licensee, whether a licensee being considered for renewal has performed its obligations under this policy;
 - f. In the case of all parties that the provision of child care programs is not in conflict with other board governance policies and district operational procedures;
 - g. Preference will be given to non-profit organizations in the selection of service providers.

Reference: Ministerial Order M326 *Child Care Order*
School Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 412, s. 168.001

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