

## Commonly asked questions concerning the Full Day, Every Day Early Learning Program

### *What will the full day, every day early learning program look like?*

The Ministry of Education has announced the provision of full day, every day learning for four and five year olds beginning in September of 2010. This program will be implemented over five years. All schools will have Full Day, Every Day Kindergarten programs by the 2014-15 school year (Year 5).

Teachers and Early Childhood Educators will work together to help children learn during the regular school day. If there is sufficient parent interest, before and after school will be provided by third party child care providers. There is a fee for these programs and subsidies will be available for some families, based on financial need.

For further information please check the Ministry of Education website at [www.edu.gov.on.ca/earlylearning/](http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/earlylearning/)

### *Is full-day early learning mandatory for four- and five-year-olds?*

The Full Day, Every Day Kindergarten program, like half-time Kindergarten, will continue to be optional for four and five year olds. In Ontario, children are required to attend school once they turn six years old. Although Kindergarten is voluntary, 90 per cent of eligible children are enrolled.

### *How is the Full-Day, Every Day Kindergarten program different from the current half time Kindergarten program?*

<b>Half-Time Kindergarten program</b>	<b>Full-day, Every Day Kindergarten program</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Students attend half time</li> <li>▪ Teacher provides the program</li> <li>▪ Adult student ratio of 1:20</li> <li>▪ Before and after school care provided by outside agencies, such as the YMCA (parents pay for this service).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Students attend full day, every day</li> <li>▪ Teacher and Early Childhood Educator (ECE) provide the program</li> <li>▪ Adult student ratio of 2:26</li> <li>▪ Before and after school care provided by outside agencies, such as the YMCA (parents pay for this service).</li> </ul>

***My child still naps in the afternoon – will there be a ‘nap time’ for the children attending the full-day program?***

‘Nap time’ will not be part of the Full Day, Every Day Program. However, there will be periods of time when children are less active during the school day.

***When will my child’s school offer Full Day, Every Day Kindergarten?***

The five-year timeline for implementation of the Full Day, Every Day Kindergarten program is outlined below:

School	Year 1 (2010-11)	Year 2 (2011-12)	Year 3 (2012-13)	Year 4 (2013-14)	Year 5 (2014-15)
Abbey Lane PS, Oakville	X				
Escarpment View PS, Milton	X				
James W Hill PS, Oakville	X				
King’s Road PS, Burlington	X				
Lakeshore PS, Burlington	X				
Mohawk Gardens PS, Burlington	X				
Oakwood PS, Oakville	X				
PL Robertson PS, Milton	X				
Palermo PS, Oakville	X				
Tom Thomson PS, Burlington	X				
WH Morden PS, Oakville	X				
Robert Little PS, Acton		X			
Gardiner PS, Georgetown		X			
Bruce T. Lindley PS, Burlington			X		
Capt. R. Wilson PS, Oakville			X		
Chris Hadfield PS, Milton			X		
Eastview PS, Oakville			X		
Florence Meares PS, Burlington			X		
Gladys Speers PS, Oakville			X		
Glenview PS, Burlington			X		
Harrison PS, Georgetown			X		
John T. Tuck PS, Burlington			X		
Joseph Gibbons PS, Georgetown			X		
Maplehurst PS, Burlington			X		
Martin Street PS, Milton			X		
Park PS, Georgetown			X		
Paul A Fisher PS, Burlington			X		
Post’s Corners PS, Oakville			X		
River Oaks PS, Oakville			X		
Robert Baldwin PS, Milton			X		
Ryerson PS, Burlington			X		
Silver Creek PS, Georgetown			X		

Brant Hills PS, Burlington				X	
Brookdale PS, Oakville				X	
Brookville PS, Campbellville				X	
C.H. Norton PS, Burlington				X	
Central PS, Burlington				X	
Clarksdale PS, Burlington				X	
Dr Charles Best PS, Burlington				X	
E.W. Foster PS, Milton				X	
Falgarwood PS, Oakville				X	
Frontenac PS, Burlington				X	
George Kennedy PS, Georgetown				X	
Heritage Glen, Oakville				X	
J.M. Denyes, Milton				X	
Kilbride PS, Burlington				X	
Maple Grove PS, Oakville				X	
McKenzie-Smith Bennett, Acton				X	
Montclair PS, Oakville				X	
New Central PS, Oakville				X	
Pilgrim Wood PS, Oakville				X	
Rolling Meadows PS, Burlington				X	
Sam Sherratt PS, Milton				X	
Sheridan PS, Oakville				X	
Sir Ernest Macmillan, Burlington				X	
Tecumseh PS, Burlington				X	
Alexander's PS, Burlington					X
Bruce Trail PS, Milton					X
C.R. Beaudoin PS, Burlington					X
Emily Carr PS, Oakville					X
Glen Williams PS, Georgetown					X
Hawthorne Village PS, Milton					X
John William Boich PS, Burlington					X
Joshua Creek PS, Oakville					X
Limehouse PS, Georgetown					X
Orchard Park PS, Burlington					X
Pauline Johnson PS, Burlington					X
Pineland PS, Burlington					X
Pineview PS, Georgetown					X
Tiger Jeet Singh PS, Milton					X
West Oak PS, Oakville					X

***Can I apply for my child to attend the Full Day, Every Day Program if we live outside the school's boundary?***

Kindergarten-age students who live within the school boundary for the above listed schools may attend the school's Full Day, Every Day Program.

Families who live outside the school boundary of these Full Day, Every Day schools are advised to apply for Optional Attendance if they wish to have their kindergarten-age child attend the Full Day, Every Day program.

***How do I apply for Optional Attendance?***

Optional Attendance is the process whereby students who live outside the boundary for a particular school, apply to attend that school. Optional Attendance forms may be picked up at your home school or downloaded here. Optional Attendance forms must be handed in at your home school.

**Optional Attendance Selection Process for the Full Day, Every Day program**

Normally, Optional Attendance requests are processed in order of the date the applications are received at the home schools. This practice will not be used for the Full Day, Every Day program. Instead, if there are more Optional Attendance applications than places available in the school's Full Day, Every Day program, the order of application approval will be determined by lottery. The date for the lottery will be communicated to applicants and will be conducted by the Principal/Vice-principal and member(s) of the school council.

Parents are advised not to make changes to their child care arrangements until their application has been approved.