



# FULL-DAY KINDERGARTEN FOR FOUR- AND FIVE-YEAR-OLDS:

## time to learn, grow and play

**In September 2010, the government began phasing in full-day kindergarten for four- and five-year-olds. In the first year, nearly 600 schools offered full-day kindergarten, five days a week. All elementary schools will offer the program by September 2014.**

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*Here's what you can expect:*

### Enhanced learning during the school day

- Teachers and early childhood educators will work together in the classroom to help young children learn and grow. This team approach will bring out the best in your child through activities and play, guided by a new full-day kindergarten curriculum.

### Before- and after-school programs

- Where there is demand, before- and after-school programs will be offered during the school year. The programs are optional and available at reasonable rates. Subsidies are available through the municipality for some families, based on financial need.
- Where there is sufficient parent demand, boards are encouraged to provide programs for four- and five-year-olds at other times of the year, such as on PD days, school breaks and holidays. Boards are also encouraged to provide extended services at other times of the year for children aged six- to 12-years-old.

### A stronger foundation for learning

- Research shows that early learning has long-term benefits for a child's academic and social skills. A full day of learning early in life can help improve your child's reading, writing and math skills later on. It also makes the transition to Grade 1 easier – for you and your child.

### How schools were selected

- School boards worked with other local boards and municipalities to recommend schools that would be ready to offer full-day kindergarten each year.
- For the first years of implementation, boards were asked to recommend schools that already had space available for the program.
- In planning for future years, boards were asked to recommend schools in communities that did not already have a full-day kindergarten school.

### Good for kids, good for parents, good for Ontario

- Full-day kindergarten is an investment in our future. It's part of the government's plan to better prepare our kids by giving them the tools they need to succeed and build a stronger Ontario.

## Learn more

For more information, please visit

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