

EARLY LEARNING

The early years (ages 0-5) are critical to children's emotional, social, physical, and intellectual development, and the foundation for lifelong learning. The School District is committed to supporting and promoting children's development in the early years by encouraging collaboration with community early childhood agencies and implementing programs that provide supportive early learning environments.

1. School personnel will work collaboratively with local early childhood programs and agencies to provide supportive early learning environments and facilitate the transitioning of children into Kindergarten.
2. Early learning programs, such as StrongStart, will be operated according to Ministry of Education regulations, and will follow the guidelines of British Columbia's Early Learning Framework.
3. Early learning programs will be designed with the intention of securing children's "well-being, nurturing positive relationships, and supporting movement, exploration and play. Early Learning environments will stimulate all aspects of children's learning, promote respect for diversity and foster their connection to their community and to the earth." (Early Learning Framework, Page 14).
4. School District early learning programs will recognize the primary role of families in supporting children's development and will promote parental involvement and participation in children's learning.