→ Newcomer Parent Guide

Register How do I register my child in school?





Decide on your child's school program

	Manitoba Curriculum*	Certified Teachers	Tuition Fees	Manitoba High School Diploma*
Public School	yes	yes	no	yes
Funded Private/ Independent School	yes	yes	yes	yes
Non-Funded Private/ Independent School	no	no	yes	no
Home School	* May use the MB curriculum	Home arranges for instruction	Responsible for fees	* If Manitoba graduation requirements are met

Your child has the right to attend their local public school if they meet residency requirements. Independent (private) schools may have entry requirements. Student support services are available in public schools and in some funded independent (private) schools.



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English Program: This is for students who want all Kindergarten to Grade 12 classes taught in English except for other language courses.

French Immersion Program: This is for students in Kindergarten to Grade 12 who are learning French as a second language. Kindergarten to Grade 8 classes are in French except for English language arts. Students can begin the Program in Kindergarten, Grade 1, and Grade 7.

The Français Program: This is for students in Kindergarten to 12 whose first language is French, or other special cases. All classes are in French except for English language arts.

Senior Years Technology Education Program: This is for students in Grades 9 to 12 who want to develop skills in trades and technology. The Program is available in English, French Immersion, and Français.

Locate your school division office or school

Your school division relates to where you live. To find out where to register, find your child's local school division office or school on our website. You can also learn about the Schools of Choice initiative to register your child in a different school division.



Take the necessary documents with you when you visit. Bring what you have from below. Students who are 18 years of age or older can register without an adult.

Immigration Status	Parent Documents	Child Documents
Visitor	Passport and/or Visitor Permit	Study Permit
Temporary Resident (TR)	Study Permit or Work Permit	Passport and/or Study Permit
TR Permit Holder	TR Permit	Study Permit
Permanent Resident (PR)	PR Card or Record of Landing or Confirmation of PR	Birth Certificate and/or Guardianship Papers

→ Checklist (Documents to bring if available*)

Proof of address, such as a purchase or rental agreement
Canadian immigration status documents
Your child's birth certificate and/or guardianship papers
School reports from previous schools (translated if available)
Your child's immunization records
Manitoba Health Card

* If possible, bring original documents.



→ Who can attend?







Age 7 to 21 From Grades 1 to 12, students are placed in age appropriate classrooms

A child needs to be that age by December 31

Your child must attend school from age 7 to 18 (or until graduation), and may attend from age 4 to 21. Adults can attend high schools or adult learning centres for Grade 12 equivalency. If your child is 3 months to 12 years of age, child care may be available, including before and after school.

Plan for school

To learn about the school and to plan for your child's learning, ask about school reception and orientation. You can ask for an interpreter if needed. Feel free to ask lots of questions and get extra support from settlement and community support workers.

How can we plan for your child's needs?

The school may look at your child's language and other skills during reception and orientation.

Usually, your child is placed in a grade level with students of similar ages.

How can you help?

- Share your personal and school histories, interests, and career goals.
- Explain any special physical or communication needs, as well as any special learning needs.

Top 5 Questions to ask the school

- **1** What is the school's contact information and daily schedule?
- **2** What services does the school offer for students and families? How can I get extra support?
- **3** What are the school rules and expectations for students and families?
- 4 What do I do if my child is sick or having problems?
- **5** Can I get this information in writing? (keep a record of information)

Schools may give you many forms

- 1. Registration forms
- 2. Permission or consent forms for technology, field trips, extracurricular activities, release of information, and immunization
- 3. Transportation forms

4. Course selection forms (Grades 7 to 12)

5. Health information forms

6. Equipment lending or usage forms

Students who are 18 years of age or older can complete forms without an adult.

Do you have questions? Need help?

Talk with your school, school division, or newcomer organizations. We are here to help.

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