

# questions & answers

## Changes to Attendance Area and Grade Configuration for Copperfield, New Brighton and Dr. Martha Cohen Schools

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Information about the CBE lottery process is available here:

<https://www.cbe.ab.ca/registration/registration/Pages/Lottery-Information-forParents.aspx>

#### **Do I still need to register my child for kindergarten if he/she has an older sibling at any of the schools?**

Yes. Parents of kindergarten students who have a sibling at the school need to register their child by noon on Feb. 11, 2020 to assist with planning for the lottery draw on Feb. 12, 2020.

#### **If the child I am registering for kindergarten does not have a sibling at the school, do I need to line up on Jan. 20 to register?**

No, we ask that parents do not line up at the school on the first day of kindergarten registration. The process used to determine acceptance in kindergarten is a lottery rather than first come first-serve. The lottery will be held on Feb. 12, 2020. Parents are asked to register their child(ren) for kindergarten anytime between Jan. 20, 2020 and noon on Feb. 11, 2020 to be eligible for the lottery. Please note that kindergarten registration is ongoing throughout the spring and students who register after Feb. 11, 2020 will be placed on a call back list based on the date of registration.

#### **Can I go directly to the overflow schools to register my child(ren)?**

Yes, students can be registered directly at the overflow schools. If you register your child directly at the overflow school, you will need to contact your designated community school if you want your child(ren) placed on the call back list. In the case of Sibylla Kiddle School, which is not yet open, registrations will need to be submitted at Copperfield School.

#### **Will children who are overflowed to the overflow schools ever have an opportunity to attend their designated community school? Will a call back list of students be kept? How will families be notified?**

As families may move out of the community throughout each school year it is anticipated there will be opportunities for students to return to their community schools. A priority call back list of students will be maintained at the community schools. Regular program students attending their designated overflow school may be called back at any point through the school year as space becomes available. If a family on the call back list is offered a placement chooses not to take the spot(s), they will be placed at the bottom of the call back list.



**What are the bell times at the schools?**

Copperfield	8:25 a.m.	3:10 p.m.	Friday	11:55 a.m.
Dr. Martha Cohen	8:30 a.m.	3:11 p.m.	Friday	12:00 p.m.
Sibylla Kiddle	TBD	TBD	Friday	TBD
Dr. George Stanley	8:30 a.m.	3:00 p.m.	Friday	12:00 p.m.
New Brighton	8:10 a.m.	3:10 p.m.	Friday	11:45 a.m.
McKenzie Lake	8:00 a.m.	2:35 p.m.	Friday	12:15 p.m.
Mountain Park	9:10 a.m.	3:50 p.m.	Friday	12:55 p.m.

**Why can't bell times be aligned at both schools?**

Bell times are directly connected to transportation services. The cost of a yellow school bus is based on a block of time. The more routes a single bus can run during this block of time, the more cost-effective the transportation service is. Aligning bus times across the CBE allows a bus to run two, and in some cases three, routes during each block of time.

**When can I drop my child off at school in the morning?**

Students should arrive on school grounds no sooner than 10-15 minutes before school begins and should be supervised by their parent or caregiver if they arrive earlier.

**How will my child get to their overflow school?**

Students are eligible for transportation to their designated school if they live beyond the walk zone. This includes students attending the designated overflow school. Busing registration will begin in the spring, then routes will be developed and families will be informed over the summer of the pickup/drop off locations and time.

All students accessing subsidized transportation are required to pay transportation fees as approved by the Board of Trustees. Information regarding transportation service levels and fees is available on the CBE website [www.cbe.ab.ca](http://www.cbe.ab.ca).