

## Local School Boards

### **Sudbury Catholic District School Board**

165A D'Youville Street  
Sudbury, ON P3C 5E7  
Tel: (705) 673-5620

Website: [www.scdsb.edu.on.ca](http://www.scdsb.edu.on.ca)

### **Conseil scolaire de district catholique du Nouvel-Ontario**

201, rue Jogues  
Sudbury, ON P3C 5L7  
Toll Free: 1-800-259-5567  
Tel: (705) 673-5626

Website: [www.nouvelon.ca](http://www.nouvelon.ca)

### **Rainbow District School Board**

69 Young Street  
Sudbury, ON P3E 3G5  
Toll Free: 1-888-421-2661  
Tel: (705) 674-3171

Website: [www.rainbowschools.ca](http://www.rainbowschools.ca)

### **Conseil scolaire public du Grand Nord de l'Ontario**

296 Van Horne Street  
Sudbury, ON P3B 1H9  
Toll Free: 1-800-465-5993  
Tel: (705) 671-1533

Website: [www.cspgno.ca](http://www.cspgno.ca)

### **Huron Superior Catholic District School Board—Espanola**

90 Ontario Avenue  
Sault Ste. Marie, ON P6C 6G7  
Toll Free: 1-800-267-0754  
Tel: (705) 945-5400

Website: [www.hscdsb.on.ca](http://www.hscdsb.on.ca)

## Community Service Providers / Agencies

### **HSN Children's Treatment Centre (CTC)**

41 Ramsey Lake Road  
Sudbury, ON P3E 5J1  
Tel: (705) 523-7337

### **HSN Infant and Child**

**Development Services (ICDS)**  
41 Ramsey Lake Road  
Sudbury, ON P3E 5J1  
Tel: (705) 523-7184

### **Child and Community Resources (CCR)**

662 Falconbridge Road  
Sudbury, ON P3A 4S4  
Toll Free: 1-877-996-1599  
Tel: (705) 525-0055

### **Child and Family Centre (CFC)**

62 Frood Road, Suite 100  
Sudbury, ON P3C 4Z3  
Toll Free: 1-800-815-7126  
Tel: (705) 525-1008

### **Wordplay**

10 Elm Street, Suite 402  
Sudbury, ON P3C 5N3  
Toll Free: 1-877-522-6655  
Tel: (705) 522-6655

### **Best Start Hubs / Local Child Care Programs**

For more information, please  
visit

[www.greatersudbury.ca](http://www.greatersudbury.ca)

### **North East Community Care Access Centre (CCAC)**

40 Elm Street, Suite 41-C  
Sudbury, ON P3C 1S8  
Toll Free: 1-800-461-2919  
Tel: (705) 522-3461

### **Sudbury & District Health Unit (SDHU)**

1300 Paris Street  
Sudbury, ON P3E 3A3  
Toll Free: 1-866-522-9200  
Tel: (705) 522-9200

### **Sudbury Student Services Consortium**

1760 Regent Street South  
1st Floor  
Sudbury, ON P3E 3Z8  
Toll Free: 1-877-225-1196  
Tel: (705) 521-1234

### **Children's Community Network (CCN)**

**Sudbury Office**  
319 Lasalle Blvd., Unit 2  
Sudbury, ON P3A 1W7  
Toll Free: 1-877-272-4336  
Tel: (705) 566-3416

### **Espanola Office**

90 Gray Street, Unit 1  
Espanola, ON P5E 1G1  
Tel: (705) 869-1564

### **Little Current Office**

14 Water Street, Unit 1, Box  
269  
Little Current, ON P0P 1K0  
Tel: (705) 368-2002

### **Chapleau Office**

34 Birch Street  
Chapleau, ON P0M 1K0  
Tel: (705) 864-0860

### **Children's Aid Society of the Districts Of Sudbury & Manitoulin (CAS)**

319 Lasalle Blvd., Unit 3  
Sudbury, ON P3A 1W7  
Toll Free: 1-877-272-4334  
Tel: (705) 566-3113

## TIPS FOR PARENTS

- Early planning provides time to put supports in place for your child.
- School transition meetings are usually scheduled for children who presents with the following challenges:
  - Safety concerns
  - Assistance with daily living activities
  - Currently receiving additional supports in childcare
  - Medical or mental health diagnosis or on a waiting list for a diagnosis
  - Significant behavioural challenges
  - Equipment needs
  - Multiple community agencies involved
- If a transition meeting is not needed, you can discuss your concerns with the principal.
- Children may start school in September if they turn 4 (JK) or 5 (SK) by December 31 of that year.
- You will be asked to provide your consent to allow the exchange of information between the preschool service system and school boards in planning for your child's transition.
- You may ask a friend / support person to attend school meetings with you. At the school meeting;
  - Agree on the next steps and general goals for your child
  - Identify any additional support your child may need
  - Clarify roles and responsibilities
- If your child requires child care before and after school, it impacts on school selection because of school bus transportation. Your child would likely attend the school closest to the child care program with the school board you have chosen. This is not applicable to some specialized programs (e.g. Children's Treatment Centre, Intensive Support Classes, etc.)
- You are responsible for transporting your child if you select a school outside of your area unless it is to access a needed specialized program. Principals do not have to accept a child living outside their area.
- If your child has language challenges, consult your child's speech language pathologist or your community school.

### IPRC

IPRC (Individual Placement and Review Committee) meetings are usually held annually at the school either in the spring or fall, depending on the school board. The IPRC will:

- determine if your child should be identified as an exceptional student
- identify the areas of your child's exceptionality
- decide on the most appropriate placement in the system
- review the identification and placement at least once in each school year

Parents are always invited to attend this meeting.

### IEP

The IEP (Individual Education Plan) is the school's written plan of action for the student.

### School Health Services

School Health Services is a program administered by the North East Community Care Access Centre (CCAC). Care Coordinators arrange professional services, including nursing, occupational therapy, physiotherapy, and speech therapy for children who require assistance at school. In some rural areas, the service is provided by the Children's Treatment Centre (e.g. Manitoulin and Espanola).

### Best Start Hubs

Bringing your child to a local Best Start Hub is a great way to help your child prepare for the transition to school. There is no cost for the program. Enrolling your child in a licensed child care program could also be very beneficial. As a parent, you might be eligible for a subsidy for child care. Your child might also be eligible for additional support in the child care centre.

### Bus Transportation

If your child requires specialized equipment or support for safe bus transportation, referrals / recommendations are needed from health professionals. Ensure that your child's transportation needs are discussed at school planning meetings and IPRC meetings.

**Talk to other parents about their  
child's transition experience**

# Countdown

to

# Kindergarten



for your child

who may require

specialized services

Sudbury and Manitoulin Districts

## STEPS TO SCHOOL

### August / September

#### One Year Before

- Speak with service providers
- Book: eye exam, hearing test, immunizations
- Ensure that you have your child's birth registration/certificate

### October / December

- Attend *Transition to School Parent Education Session*, if available
- Think about/discuss options (e.g. which school-board, language, etc.)

### January / February

- Attend school Open Houses
- Complete school planning package with your service provider by mid-February
- Talk to your service provider about your child's transportation needs

### March / April

- Attend school planning meetings if scheduled
- Register your child once placement decided

### May / October

- Attend your child's Spring Open Houses
- Confirm child's transportation details with the Sudbury Student Services Consortium
- Attend IPRC / IEP meetings if organized

## STEPS TO SCHOOL

The year **before** your child starts JK or SK...

### Step # 1: **August / September**

- It's time to start thinking about your child's entry into school. Planning ahead helps with a smooth entry into the school system.

### Step # 2: **October / December**

- At the *Transition To School Education Session* information is shared about the school system, community agencies and the transition process.
- Ensure referrals for needed screening / assessments are made as there may be waiting lists.
- Discuss your options with: parent advisor, child care provider, social worker, service coordinator, therapist / clinicians and other parents.

### Step # 3: **January / February**

- Contact community schools or visit board websites for specific dates for Open Houses.
- Agencies / programs that can help you with the school planning package include: Child and Community Resources, Children's Treatment Centre, Infant and Child Development Services, Child and Family Centre, Children's Community Network and your licensed child care provider.

- Choosing a school board early is important as school boards must plan for staffing / programs in mid-February.
- Referrals may be needed for safety and equipment for the bus (e.g. Seating Clinic).
- Reports shared by parents may include: assessments, medical information, therapist reports, etc.

### Step #4: **March / April**

- School Planning Meetings may include: service providers, school board personnel, therapists, etc.
- Some school boards recommend registration after the planning meeting, once a placement is decided.
- If a referral is made to School Health Services, a Care Coordinator from CCAC will contact you. In some rural areas, a Service Coordinator from CCN will contact you.
- Bring your list of questions to the meeting.

### Step #5: **May / October**

- Contact school for dates and times of school orientation programs.
- See parent tips for IPRC / IEP description.

