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# Intensive Fine Arts Program K-7

Operating within the Surrey School District and the BC provincial curriculum, the Intensive Fine Arts Program strives to create a stimulating and culturally enriched learning environment where the fine arts are equal partners with what have traditionally been referred to as the “academic subjects” (i.e., mathematics, language arts, social studies and science). Within the context of brain research and multiple intelligences learning theories, the Program’s basic goals are to develop students’ abilities that enhance student learning through the four areas of the fine arts (visual arts, music, drama and dance), and to create a learning environment in which experience with the arts becomes a fundamental way of knowing for its students. Experiencing the arts is a part of everything that goes on in the program. The program’s overall objective is to create a consistent environment that values uniqueness and risk-taking and encourages self-expression and creativity. By integrating the arts into all curriculum areas, the program offers an alternative insight into goal setting and creative problem solving. Acquiring an extensive background in the arts leads to a broader comprehension of the world and varied career opportunities.

## Program Organization

The Intensive Fine Arts Program at the elementary level serves the needs of students with a wide range of abilities, interests and backgrounds. The program offers exposure to a much wider Fine Arts repertoire and in much greater depth than would be available in a regular elementary instructional program. A variety of delivery options may be used to ensure extensive experiences in music, drama, visual arts and dance.

## Registration Procedures

Registration is on a year-by-year basis and is open to all students residing in the Surrey School District.

The procedures are as follows:

1. Registration will occur for entry into Kindergarten each year. The registration date is in January and registration procedures will be published in the Surrey newspapers in advance.
2. Siblings of children already in the Fine Arts Program will receive an opportunity to register in advance of the published registration date.
3. Siblings who are not registered for the Intensive Fine Arts Program, but are enrolled in other programs at the school, will not receive priority entry to the Intensive Fine Arts Program at a later date.
4. Children already in other programs at David Brankin and White Rock Elementary will not receive priority entry into the Intensive Fine Arts Program.

5. Waiting lists will be maintained for each grade on a yearly basis in case spaces become available in any given year.
6. Students who reside out-of-district will only be allowed to register after the “within district” registration period is finished.

## Locations

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