



SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 58 (NICOLA-SIMILKAMEEN)

Success for ALL Learners ~ Today and Tomorrow

2023 - 2024 STUDENT REGISTRATION



ELEMENTARY STUDENT REGISTRATION For "NEW" Elementary school students, please register your child on line or at your neighbourhood school from Monday to Friday August 28 to September 1, 2023. Schools will be open from 9:00 – 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. Call ahead to make an appointment.

KINDERGARTEN: To register, a child must be 5 years of age, on or before December 31, 2023 and a birth certificate, immunization record, Care Card, and proof of residence should be presented. Kindergarten start dates will be arranged through the school.

FRENCH IMMERSION:

All students in this program attend Collettville Elementary School (Grades K-7), and Merritt Secondary School (Grades 8-12).

GRADE 8 - 12 MERRITT SECONDARY SCHOOL 250-378-5131

New students register on line or at the school from August 28 to September 1, 2023. Counsellors will be available and students are to make an appointment.

THE COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTRE

offers courses for Grade 10 to 12 students to complete their Dogwood Diploma. Along with academic coursework, students will have the opportunity to participate in an Outdoor land based learning program, have access to additional social emotional supports and transition planning into the adult world. New students can register by calling 250-378-2157.

SCIDES – 250-378-4245 or 1-800-663-3536

South Central Interior Distance Education School offers BC Ministry approved educational programs for students of all ages, anywhere in the province of B.C.

SCHOOL OPENING:

Tuesday, September 5, 2023 – Adjusted hours: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon.

BUS STUDENTS:

Please check the School Bus Schedule and with your school for bussing information.

Tuesday, September 5, 2023 ONLY: Busses will pick up students one hour LATER in the morning and return students beginning at noon.

SCHOOL CALENDAR 2023 - 2024

Days in Session 192 - Number of Non-Instructional Days 185

August 28 - August 30, 2023	Mon. to Wed.	Summer Institute.
September 5, 2023	Tuesday	SCHOOL OPENING. School hours 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon. (Bus schedule to be adjusted for the first day of school.)
October 2, 2023	Monday	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Statutory Holiday.
October 9, 2023	Monday	Thanksgiving Day.
October 20, 2023	Friday	Non-Instructional Day. (Professional Development Day.)
November 13, 2023	Monday	Remembrance Day Statutory Holiday.
November 17, 2023	Friday	MSS & PSS First Term Report Cards go home.
November 17, 2023	Friday	Merritt & Princeton Elementary Schools Report Cards go home.
November 17, 2023	Friday	Community Learning Centre Report Cards go home.
November 21 – 22, 2023	Tues. - Wed.	All Schools – Shortened day for Parent/Teacher interviews. (Schools closed 1 hour early each day.)
December 22, 2023	Friday	Last day of school before Winter Break.
Dec. 25, 2023 – Jan. 5, 2024		Winter Break.
January 8, 2024	Monday	Schools reopen after the break.
February 2, 2024	Friday	MSS Grade 9 to 12 & PSS Report Cards go home.
February 16, 2024	Friday	Non-Instructional Day (Professional Development Day.)
February 19, 2024	Monday	Family Day.
March 8, 2024	Friday	Merritt, Princeton Elementary Schools and Merritt Secondary Grade 8 Report Cards go home.
March 8, 2024	Friday	Community Learning Centre Report Cards go home.
March 12 – 13, 2024	Friday	All Schools – Shortened day for Parent/Teacher interviews. (Schools closed 1 hour early each day.)
March 15, 2024	Friday	Last day of school before Spring Break.
March 18 - 28, 2024		SPRING BREAK.
March 29, 2024	Friday	Good Friday.
April 1, 2024	Monday	Easter Monday.
April 2, 2024	Tuesday	Schools reopen after the break.
April 12, 2024	Friday	MSS Grade 9 to 12 & PSS Report Cards go home.
May 20, 2024	Monday	Victoria Day.
June 27, 2024	Thursday	Last day of classes.
June 28, 2024	Friday	ADMINISTRATION DAY - SCHOOLS CLOSED.

SCHOOL PHONE NUMBERS

- Collettville Elementary250-378-2230
- Nicola - Canford Elementary ..250-378-2172
- Diamond Vale Elementary250-378-2514
- Merritt Central Elementary250-378-9931
- Merritt Bench Elementary250-378-2528
- Merritt Secondary School250-378-5131

The StrongStart Early Learning Centres

• Diamond Vale Elementary • Merritt Central Elementary • Nicola-Canford Elementary
StrongStart is a free, school based, drop-in early learning program for children from birth to 5 years old and their parents, grandparents or caregivers. Together they share learning experiences and social interactions with other children and adults in a positive and open-ended play environment. Start up date: September 11th, 2023.

MERRITT SCHOOL BUS SCHEDULE 2023 - 2024

BUS NO. 20580 LOWER NICOLA			BUS NO. A3580 DOUGLAS LAKE		
AM	DRIVER: SONYA ROUTE A	PM	AM	DRIVER: JUD	PM
7:29	Shuter's		7:18	Home Ranch	4:16
7:31	Mamit Lake Road	3:27		(2664 Home Ranch Lane)	
7:33	LNIB Office	3:30	7:28	Cattle Guard – Douglas Lk Rd	4:13
7:35	Lower Nicola Fire Hall	3:32	7:34	McRae Turnaround	4:06
7:37	Horn/Swakum Road	3:33		(9511 Spahomin Cr. Road)	
7:43	Saskatoon & Hummingbird 1st stop	3:43	7:33	9452 Spahomin Road	4:00
7:45	Hummingbird-Yap Skim 2nd stop	3:44	7:32	9439 Minnie Lake Rd	4:59
7:46	Yap skim-Aberdeen 3rd Stop	3:45	7:30	Junction-Douglas Lake Rd	3:56
7:47	2725 Aberdeen Road			& Minnie Lk Rd	
7:52	Nicola Canford Elementary		7:40	Diamond G Ranch	3:55
7:54	Earnshaw (Smith Pioneer Park)	3:39	7:43	Corral Road	3:52
7:55	Whinney	3:40	7:50	The Q	3:42
7:58	Corkle & Woodward	3:53	7:57	Hillside Road Health Centre	3:40
7:59	Smith & Dodding	3:55	8:25	Merritt Secondary School	3:13
8:00	Turner	3:38	8:27	Central Elementary	3:12
8:01	Coyle Place	3:36	8:30	Collettville Elementary	-
8:03	Lower Nicola Trailer Park	3:34		PM ONLY	
8:16	Merritt Secondary School (in back)	3:20	-	Nicola Canford Elementary	2:40
8:21	Coquihalla Middle School	3:10	-	1st Stop	
8:30	Merritt Bench Elementary	-	-	Saskatoon & Hummingbird	2:45
8:40	Collettville Elementary	2:55	-	1st Stop	
			-	Hummingbird-Yap Skim 2nd Stop	2:47
			-	Yap Skim-Aberdeen 3rd stop	2:49
			-	2725 Aberdeen Road	2:51
			-	Nicola Canford Elementary	2:57
			-	2nd Stop	
			-	Horn/Swakum Road	3:00
			-	Band Office (181 Hwy 8)	3:02
			-	Central Elementary	3:12
			-	Merritt Secondary School	3:13

BUS NO. A17581 14 MILE/NOOAITCH		
AM	DRIVER: SHANE	PM
7:22	Shackan Comm. Hall (4943 Hwy# 8)	4:20
7:23	Shackan Road	4:21
7:25	Chief Anthony Joe Bridge	4:15
7:32	Dot Ranch (west)	4:06
7:40	3681 Highway 8	4:00
7:41	3392 Highway 8	3:58
7:48	2985 Highway 8	3:55
7:49	Nooaitch Band Hall	3:50
7:52	Church Hill	3:47
7:55	Shackelly/Petit Creek	3:44
7:58	2760 Petit Creek	3:41
8:01	Sunshine Valley West (Spius)	3:39
8:07	Sunshine Valley East (Miller Estates)	3:37
8:09	Marshall Road	3:35
8:12	Nicola Canford Elementary	3:33
-	Coyle Road	3:28
8:27	Merritt Secondary School	3:15
8:29	Central Elementary	-
8:33	Collettville Elementary	-

BUS NO. 20584 NICOLA LAKE/QUILCHENA		
AM	DRIVER: SANDRA	PM
7:48	Quilchena Reserve	3:55
7:49	Lakeview Store	3:52
7:50	First driveway past Lakeview Store	3:53
7:51	Saddleman Road	3:52
7:52	Old Nicola Trail	3:50
7:56	Huber's	3:48
7:57	Quilchena Store	3:46
8:10	Nicola Ranch Store	3:35
8:20	Merritt Secondary School	3:20
-	(Front AM/Back PM)	
-	Merritt Bench Elementary	3:10
8:22	Central Elementary	3:05
8:25	Collettville Elementary	3:00

BUS NO. A17580 MAMIT LAKE		
AM	DRIVER- RANDY	PM
7:39	Left Field Cider House	3:51
7:40	Mamit Lake Trailer Park	3:50
7:41	9311 Mamit Lake Road	3:49
7:42	9552 Highway 97C	3:48
7:43	Schmidt Driveway	3:47
7:44	9689 Mamit Lake Road	3:46
7:45	Beech Road	3:45
7:48	Steffens Road	3:40
7:52	8 Mile Corner	3:35
8:02	131E Highway 97 C	3:24
8:05	Lower Nicola Fire Hall	3:21
8:06	Band Office (181 Hwy 8)	3:20
8:07	158 Highway 8	3:19
8:08	Hard Hat Ranch (#56 Hwy 8)	3:18
8:10	780 Highway 8	3:15
8:15	Merritt Secondary School	3:10
8:20	Merritt Central Elementary	3:00
8:25	Collettville Elementary	3:05

BUS NO. 20582 COLDWATER/KINGSVALE		
AM	DRIVER: KEITH	PM
7:47	Patchet Road	3:45
7:49	1438 Coldwater Road	3:48
7:50	835 Coldwater Road	3:47
7:54	Opie's	3:32
7:56	Spahan	3:30
8:01	Fox Farm/Coldwater	3:22
8:02	Mailbox	3:20
8:15	Merritt Secondary School	3:10
8:20	Central Elementary	3:13
8:25	Collettville Elementary	3:00

TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE

Families living beyond the regular school bus routes may be eligible for transportation assistance for the 2023/2024 school year and are asked to make application before **September 22, 2023** regardless of whether transportation assistance was received in the past. Applications after this date will be approved as of the date the application is received, and will not be retroactive. Transportation Assistance forms can be picked up at the School Board Office in Merritt, 1550 Chapman Street. Transportation assistance must be renewed each year. Also, banking information will be required as payments will be through e-transfer.

Parents are reminded that road/weather conditions may cause delays/cancellations to the regular bus run(s). In extreme circumstances, notice of delays will be announced over the local radio station and the school will attempt to contact parents by phone, in order that children do not wait extended time periods at a bus stop.

REGISTRATION OF HOME SCHOOL LEARNERS PARENT INFORMATION

The "School Act":

"A parent of a child who is required to enroll in an educational program under Section 3 (Division 4 – Home Education)

- (a) may educate the child at home or elsewhere in accordance with this Division, and
- (b) must provide that child with an educational program.

Registration

A parent of a child who is required under the above Section to provide the child with an educational program must register the child on or before September 30 in each year with

- (a) a school of the parent's choice that is operating in British Columbia,

(a.1) if the child is an eligible child, a school referred to in paragraph (a) or (c), or a francophone school of the parent's choice that is operating in the francophone school district in which the parent resides,

(a.2) if the child is an immigrant child, a school referred to in paragraph (a) or (c), or a francophone school of the parent's choice that is operating in the francophone school district in which the parent resides but only if the francophone education authority responsible for that school permits the parent to register that child, or

- (b) REPEALED 2006-21-8, effective June 30/06 BC Reg 195/06
- (c) an independent school operating in British Columbia."

To register or to obtain further information, telephone the school of your choice, or write to the Superintendent of Schools, School District No. 58 (Nicola-Similkameen), Box 4100, Merritt, B.C., V1K 1B8.

Check our District website at:
www.sd58.bc.ca
or the Distance Education website at: www.scides.ca