



## FISA Child Care Survey April 2026

FISA's mandate is to advocate on behalf of BC K-12 independent schools and supporting members in meeting the regulatory requirements that govern school operations. This mandate does not extend to advocating for or supporting adjacent programs such as licensed child care.

FISA does have a Child Care Committee, which provides a forum for representatives from the five associations to share concerns, exchange information, and support one another. This Committee has requested FISA establish formal engagements with government on issues related to child care.

The FISA Board is exploring the level of interest among member schools to determine whether there is sufficient support for FISA to play a role in advocating for and supporting child care affiliated with independent schools.

To support the Board in making an informed decision, **all member schools** are asked to complete the following survey - including schools that do not have child care. **Respond by April 29, 2026.**

**Use this link to complete survey online**

**<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FISACHildcare2026>**

If you have any questions, please contact [Janet@fisabc.ca](mailto:Janet@fisabc.ca).

**Schools with affiliated child care may need to coordinate with the child care manager for questions regarding licensed spaces. The questions on expanding FISA's scope and potential associated fees are likely best answered by the Principal, Head of School or Superintendent.**

### School Name & Contact Information

\* 1. Your name

\* 2. Your position

\* 3. Your email address

\* 4. School name

\* 5. Does your school offer **before**-school supervision or clubs that are **not** licensed as child care but help accommodate families' scheduling needs for students ages 12 and under?

Yes

No

Comment

\* 6. Does your school offer **after**-school supervision or clubs that are **not** licensed as child care but help accommodate families' scheduling needs for students ages 12 and under?

Yes

No

Comment

\* 7. Does your school have an **affiliated licensed child care** program?

Examples of child care programs that would be considered affiliated are:

- child care programs that are located on your school grounds (including those operated by a third party)

- child care programs operated by your independent school authority (on or off school grounds)

Yes

No

We intend to open a licensed child care program within the next 3 years

Comment



Only schools with Child Care programs will see  
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### Existing Licensed Programs

\* 8. Name of child care **facility**/facilities affiliated with your school (as written on the Child Care License).

\* 9. Name of child care **License Holder** (as written on the Child Care License)

\* 10. Relationship between the Child Care License Holder and your school

- The same non-profit society operates the independent school and holds a Not for Profit child care license
- The school is operated by a non-profit society and the child care is operated as a for profit business that is affiliated with the school
- The same private business owner operates the independent school and holds a Group Private child care license
- The school and the child care facility are operated by a separate entities with no shared governance (e.g., a private provider leases space from the school)
- Other

Comment

\* 11. Enter the **number of child care spaces** as indicated on the **licence(s)**. Combine numbers if you have multiple sites.

Birth to 36 months

30 months to  
School Age  
(Kindergarten)

Preschool

Group School Age  
(Kindergarten and  
up)

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12. Comment on number of licensed spaces

\* 13. How many of licensed spaces listed above are **currently filled**? Combine numbers if you have multiple sites.

Birth to 36 months

30 months to  
School Age (to  
Kindergarten)

Preschool

Group School Age  
(Kindergarten and  
up)

14. Comment on number of spaces filled

\* 15. Do you provide licensed **before school** care

Yes

No

Comment

\* 16. Do you provide licensed **after school** care

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Yes

No

Comment

\* 17. Do you participate in the **\$10 a Day** program?

Yes

No

Comment

\* 18. Do you participate in **Child Care Fee Reduction Initiative (CCFRI)**?

Yes

No

Comment

\* 19. Do you participate in Early Childhood Educator **Wage Enhancement** (ECE-WE)?

Yes

No

Comment

\* 20. Have you applied for a **New Spaces Grant**?

- Yes, grant received. Please provide the amount received in the comment box.
- Applied but grant declined.
- Investigated but did not apply (please specify the barriers in applying in the comment box)
- No

Comment

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\* 21. Do you plan to **expand** your licensed child care program within the next 3 years?

- Yes. Provide a brief description of expansion plans in the comment box.
- No

Comment



Only schools who intend to open new child care programs will see page 7

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### Anticipated License Child Care Plans

22. Who will operate the anticipated child care facility?

- School Authority operated
- 3rd Party operated
- Other (please specify)
- Undecided

Comment

23. Number of anticipated spaces

Birth to 36 months

30 months to  
School Age 30 (to  
Kindergarten)

Preschool

Group School Age  
(Kindergarten and  
up)

24. Comment on anticipated child care program



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## FISA Child Care Survey April 2026

### FISA's Mandate

\* 25. Do you support FISA expanding its mandate to include independent school affiliated child care centres?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure - specify hesitancy reasons in comment box, please

Comment

26. For schools with child care programs, or those intending to open a program, Indicate the maximum FISA Child Care fee your school would be willing to pay per child enrolled in a licensed program.

27. Comments on potential FISA Child Care fee

28. Any additional comments?

### Conclusion

Thank you for your assistance in gathering this information.