



Frequently Asked Questions Amy Woodland Elementary School

Will siblings be together?

As space is limited in our existing schools, we will place class cohorts together. You may apply as an out of catchment request to keep siblings together, but it will be dependent on available space.

Can we go back to our catchment school?

You can ask to return to your [catchment school](#); however, it will depend on space availability. Out of catchment transfer requests will not be reviewed until the first week of September.

How will we get to our new location?

We will have bussing from Amy Woodland Elementary to get students to their new location with supervision before and after school.

Will we get to see our new classroom before the first day of school?

Administration and clerical staff will be available for school tours the last week in August.

My child is very anxious about the change, who can support us?

Supports will be available through school district counsellors, youth care workers, and Indigenous education support workers. If you require support during the summer, there are some useful resources on the District [Health Promoting Schools website](#).

What will happen to the after-school program?

We will need to apply for new licensing at a new elementary location and we will provide bussing to the selected site.

Will we get to return to Amy Woodland Elementary?

That will depend if we are able to restore the existing building or if there will need to be a complete rebuild. If the structure is salvageable, students and staff will be able to return once renovations are complete. However, given the extent of the damage and current trade shortages, we do not anticipate that Amy Woodland Elementary School will be operational during the 2024/25 school year.

What if it is determined that we need to do a rebuild?

For this upcoming school year, we will remain with cohort classes in existing Cranbrook schools. If a forecasted project timeline goes beyond the 2024/2025 school year, we will need to adjust catchment locations. This will be done with consultation.

Will my child still have access to Learning Services?

All elementary supports will continue in the new location including access to counselling, speech language support, education assistants, and any other relevant student supports. For more information please contact kaley.wasylowich@sd5.bc.ca.

Where will Kootenay Discovery School (KDS) and the elementary alternative program be?

KDS will be in the basement of Kootenay Educational Services, 25 17 Avenue North, Cranbrook. If you are looking for a distance education option within the District for the 2024/2025 school year, please email kds.mailing@sd5.bc.ca. The elementary alternative program has been paused at this time to provide space for Amy Woodland Elementary students.

Who can I contact if I have questions?

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