## EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATOR (ECE) Seamless Day Kindergarten Pilot Program

## **Summary:**

Under the direction and supervision of the District Principal or designate, the Early Childhood Educator (ECE) leads before or after school care and works in partnership with the Kindergarten teacher in the classroom. Knowledge of early childhood education is essential to this position.

## **Seamless Day Model:**

The Seamless Day Model allows primary school children to attend child care in the Kindergarten classroom with a team of Early Childhood Educators (ECE) and the classroom teacher. The morning ECE greets the children and implements the early care and learning program with the children. The ECE remains with the children in the Kindergarten classroom while collaborating with the classroom teacher in the design of programs and environments, engaging with the Early Learning Framework. The afternoon ECE begin their shift mid-day, allowing for staff overlap and leads the after school care early learning program. This model is designed to enhance children's cognitive, physical, social and emotional development and benefits from the professional expertise of primary teachers and early childhood educators working together.

## **Duties:**

- Establishes positive working relationships with school staff, community partners, families, and children.
- Supports the transition of information between children, families, and classroom colleagues (second ECE and Kindergarten teacher).
- Plans, coordinates and leads a quality licensed school-age group child care program for early primary students.
- Collaborates with the Kindergarten teacher, second ECE and other school staff to create a seamless transition for children moving between the child care program and the school day.
- With the classroom colleagues, plans and maintains a learning environment that promotes the health, security and well-being of children.
- Supports budget preparation and purchase and maintenance of supplies and materials.
- Attends meetings as requested.
- Maintains statistics for child care reports.
- Maintains the confidentiality of sensitive information seen or heard.
- Understands and acts in accordance with relevant policies and procedures from the school, district, Ministry of Education, Child Care Licensing Regulation, and WorkSafeBC.