



## The FitFirst Store and KidSport Burnaby Shoe Bank Program

KidSport Burnaby is excited to partner with FitFirst Footwear to offer free athletic shoes for youth in Burnaby who have financial need. We call it the Shoe Bank Program and it is easy to register.

The process involves a few easy steps:

1. An “**Adult Sponsor**” fills out the Shoe Bank Application (sections 1 and 2). The sponsor can be a parent, guardian, coach, or other adult in the child’s life.
2. The adult sponsor passes the form to a “**Financial Verification Reference**” who acts as an objective third party who is familiar with the youth’s family and is in a professional position (i.e. a social worker, a school principal, teacher, counselor, registered nurse, priest or pastor) to assess the social and economic barriers facing the family.
3. When all 3 sections of the form are complete, there are two ways to get fitted for the shoes:
  - i. Bring the completed form to the FitFirst Footwear location (**Fortius Sport & Health Building at Unit 1005 - 3713 Kensington Avenue, Burnaby**) between the hours of 10:00 am and 5:00 pm on the first or third Saturday of the month. Provided there are shoes in the correct size, the child will be able to take the shoes home with them that day.
  - ii. A school staff member at the applicant’s school can call the store at 604-299-8851 and make an appointment to bring the child to the store during the school day.

Note:

- All athletic shoes in the Shoe Bank program are “test shoes” or older models of high performance running shoes.
- Quantities are very limited. Depending on availability of sizes, there may be only one pair of shoes to offer a child.
- Shoe sizes range from size 6 Adult to size 12 Adult. Child/Youth sizes are not available.
- New shoes are not available as part of this program.

Application Forms are available at Burnaby schools or on the KidSport Burnaby website, [www.kidsportburnaby.com](http://www.kidsportburnaby.com).

If you have any questions regarding the FitFirst and KidSport Burnaby Shoe Bank program, please contact Lawrence Ryan at 604.664.8708 or at [Lawrence.ryan@sd41.bc.ca](mailto:Lawrence.ryan@sd41.bc.ca).