602.1.1 Early Childhood Services – Early Education Programs

1. Program
   • Every program shall have an Early Childhood Educator.
   • Every program shall have an assistant, either full time or on a part-time basis.
   • A certified teacher will oversee the identification of and programming for children receiving educational funding.

2. Budget
   • Early Childhood Services budgeting shall be a centralized model as opposed to a site-based model.
   • The supplies and resources allocation to each program shall be determined annually.

3. Enrollment
   • Children receiving funding from Alberta Education will be given priority for program placement.
   • Non-funded children will be accepted based on space availability.

4. Program Organization
   • Program times and days shall be determined by the Associate Superintendent, Instructional Services in consultation with the principal.

5. Other Considerations
   • Early Education Programs may develop optional start-up activities based upon the following limitations:
     o The decision on the type of start-up activities (e.g. home visitation, staggered entry, etc.) shall be made by the principal in consultation with the Early Childhood Services Consultant.
   • Additional supports shall be provided to children who qualify for educational funding (i.e. Program Unit Funding, Mild Moderate Funding).