

### **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.

#### **• Enrollment**

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

#### **3. Program Organization**

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

#### **4. Other Considerations**

- Early Education Programs may develop optional start-up activities based upon the following limitations:
  - 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).