

501.2 Eligibility for Early Childhood Services

Policy

Early Childhood Services shall be provided to all eligible children. Early Childhood Services refers to Early Education Programs and Kindergarten.

Regulations

1. Eligibility for the Early Education Program is defined by a child's age and includes:
 - 1.1. Children who are less than five years of age as of December 31st of the current school year, but older than three years of age as of September 1st of the current school year. A fee will apply.
 - 1.2. Children who are less than five years of age as of December 31st of the current school year and who qualify for Alberta Education funding.
2. Eligibility for Kindergarten is defined by a child's age and includes:
 - 2.1 Children whose fifth birthday falls on or before December 31st of the current school year.
 - 2.2 Children living within the school's attendance area shall be granted admission.
 - 2.3 Children living outside of the school's attendance area may be considered for enrolment, subject to availability of space, on a first come first served basis.
 - 2.4 Although not mandatory, Kindergarten is intended as a one year program the year prior to grade one.
3. Proof of age and documentation of citizenship or residency status is required at the time of registration.

The Board delegates to the Superintendent the authority to develop the procedures necessary to implement this policy.

References

Education Act:	21 Early Childhood Services Alberta Education Regulation 1126/2022
Division Policies:	501.3 School Attendance Areas, 602.1 Early Childhood Services, 605.1 Inclusive Learning Supports, 605.5 Inclusive Learning Supports - Early Childhood Services (ECS)