

EARLY CHILDHOOD SERVICES (ECS)

Background

The Division believes Early Childhood is a particularly significant period in human development. Young children benefit from programs that help them explore the world around them and guide them through the transition to a more formal learning environment. Therefore, the Division supports Early Childhood Services (ECS) programs that address the development of the foundational skills children require to be successful in grade one.

ECS includes kindergarten and educational programming for children as young as 2 years 8 months of age.

Procedures

1. Regular Programs

- 1.1 The Division will determine, as part of its annual budget review, where ECS programs can be offered during the subsequent school year.
- 1.2 The Division will not be obligated to transport ECS children to programs outside their attendance areas.
- 1.3 Kindergarten programs shall follow the curriculum outlined in the Kindergarten Program Statement.
- 1.4 Pre-K programs shall follow the Play, Participation and Possibilities – An Early Learning and Childcare Curriculum Framework for Alberta.

2. For programs for children with diverse needs, including those identified for Program Unit Funding (PUF) or mild/moderate need, refer to AP 214 for details.

Reference: Section 8, 30, 60, 61, 113, School Act
Early Childhood Regulation 31/2002
Guide to Education
Funding Manual for School Authorities

Related APs: Inclusive Education Programming (214)

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