

AGE OF ACCESS

Background

Students will be able to learn best when they are fully prepared in the cognitive, emotional and social domains for the expectations of the education programs that the Division has to offer.

Procedures

The following age of access for admission to the Division's programs have been established for all students:

1. Children who as of September 1, are younger than 6 years of age and are five years old on or before December 31 of that school year are eligible to enroll for Kindergarten.
2. A child who is at least six years old but less than seven years old on September 1 may enrol in Kindergarten if the child is developmentally immature or is entering a Kindergarten program for the first time.
3. Children who, as of September 1, are younger than 5 years of age **may** be provided **Early Childhood services** (see Administrative Procedure 210, Early Childhood Services) if they meet the following eligibility criteria:
 - 3.1. The child must have a severe disability or a severe language delay
 - 3.2. Documentation is provided that demonstrates the severity of the impact of the child's diagnosis has on their ability to participate and engage in learning.
 - 3.3. A current assessment by a qualified professional of a severe disability or severe language delay is provided.
4. An individual who at September 1 in a year is 6 years of age or older and younger than 19 years of age is entitled to have access to an education program (Grades 1 - 12). These individuals are also:
 - 4.1. a resident of Alberta,
 - 4.2. has a parent who is a resident of Canada,
 - 4.3. is deemed a resident student of the school division where the parent or guardian resides,
 - 4.4. is of the same faith of the school division,

- 4.5. parents/guardians must choose in writing a school division if each parent is a resident of a different school division,
- 4.6. the board of either school division may require that the choice of the parents remains in effect during the school year in respect of which it is made.
5. School boards **may** permit an individual who at September 1 is older than 18 years of age, to have access in that year to an education program. In EICS, for students older than 18 years of age, consideration will be given to students who:
 - 5.1. require additional credits to graduate with a Diploma or Certificate of Achievement,
 - 5.2. students who need to upgrade in order to meet the entrance criteria for post-secondary opportunities.
6. Proof of age, presented in the form of a birth certificate or other official document acceptable to the Principal, is required at the time of registration for Kindergarten or early intervention programming, and may be requested at the time of registration for Grade 1, in the case of a student new to a school.

Please visit our Website under [School Registration](#).

Reference: *Education Act, SA 2012, c E-0.3, ss. 3, 4, 7, 11, 21, 32, 33, 197, 222*