



SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AGE

Background

The Education Act provides direction regarding school attendance ages for students in grades 1 to 12. In addition, Alberta Education regulations provide for the attendance of Early Childhood Services (ECS) students, where Divisions provide these programs.

The Division has established school entrance age for Early Childhood Services and regular grade students.

Procedures

1. Every individual who at September 1 in a year is six (6) years of age or older and younger than nineteen (19) years of age, and who is:
 - 1.1 A Canadian citizen;
 - 1.2 Lawfully admitted to Canada for permanent residence;
 - 1.3 A child of a Canadian citizen; or
 - 1.4 A child of an individual who is lawfully admitted to Canada for permanent or temporary residence.

Is entitled to have access in that year to an education program in accordance with the Education Act.

2. A child may attend an ECS class offered by the Division if they will be five (5) years of age prior to December 31 of that school year. Students with special needs of a younger age may be accommodated based on program availability and funding eligibility.
3. A child may attend a grade or class if they will be six (6) years of age prior to December 31 of that school year.
4. Students who exceed the upper age limitations specified in Procedure 1 may be considered for enrollment in high school programs as adult learners at the discretion of the Principal and availability of space and program. A tuition fee will be charged.

Reference: Section 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 11, 16, 21, 32, 33, 52, 53, 197, 222 Education Act
Adult Programming in the Basic Learning System Policy 1.9.2