

SCHOOL ENTRANCE AGE

Background

The province of Alberta requires that all children who are 6 years of age by the start of a given school year register in grade one. Parents may choose to register their children in a Kindergarten program the year prior, but are not required to do so. The Program of Studies for Kindergarten to Grade One is established by Alberta Education.

Procedures

1. The kindergarten program shall be consistent with the principles outlined in the current Kindergarten Program Statement: <http://education.alberta.ca/media/312892kindergarten.pdf> p.1-8 and The Grade One Program with the Program of Studies: <http://education.alberta.ca/media/828330/gr1view.pdf>
2. A child may enroll in Kindergarten if he/she will be five years of age on or before the last day of February, and eligible to attend grade one the next school term.
3. A child who has special education needs may qualify for early intervention programming.
4. Kindergarten programs shall provide a minimum of 475 hours of instruction.
5. Fees for materials, resources and transportation may be assessed.
6. Parent(s) shall, at the time of first registration in a Golden Hills school, submit proof of student age and identity (i.e., a birth certificate). A copy of the student's birth certificate must be in the cumulative record.

Reference: Section 8, 13, 30, 44, 60, 61, School Act
Kindergarten Program Statement
ECS Special Handbook – Standards for the Provision of Early Childhood Special Education
Distinct but Linked Brochure
Grade One Curriculum Overview