



## Administrative Procedure 210

# EARLY CHILDHOOD SERVICES

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### Background

The Division believes that Early Childhood Services programs should address the developmental needs of each child. Where such programs are offered by the Division, it supports an integrated model of services involving staff, parents and the community.

### Procedures

1. The Early Childhood Services Program will adhere to the beliefs, principals, goals and program dimensions as set out in the current Alberta Education Program Statement.
2. Enrollment in Early Childhood programs is voluntary.
3. Effective September 2020, children must be five (5) on or before December 31 of that school year in order to be eligible to attend an NLPS school.
4. Where ECS programs are offered by the Division, students are considered as enrolled students for budgeting purposes and as such are part of the whole school's budget process.

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**Reference:** Section 21, 42, 56, 70 Education Act  
Early Childhood Regulation 31/2002  
Early Childhood Policy 1.1.3

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