

Administrative Procedure 302 SCHOOL ENTRANCE AGE

The Education Act provides direction with regard to 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 the Divisions provide these programs.

The Division supports the application of a uniform 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 she/he will be five (5) years of age by December 31 of that school year. Students with special needs of a younger age may be accommodated based on program availability and funding eligibility. Please reference the current funding manual for funding eligibility.
3. A child who is 6 years of age by December 31 shall be eligible for entrance into grade 1.
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.

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Reference: Education Act
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