



École Olds Elementary School Pre-Kindergarten Program



Information For Parents



Program Description ~



- Pre-Kindergarten provides a rich learning environment for children who have been identified as having an identified need or whose second language is English (ESL).
- Children are provided educational, play-based activities to enhance communication as well as cognitive, emotional, social, creative, and physical development in preparation for Kindergarten.



- Pre-Kindergarten offers half-day programming three days each week throughout the school year.
- Staff includes a certified teacher and educational assistants. Additional support is also available from a Speech Language Pathologist, Occupational Therapist, Physical Therapist and Psychologist as needed.

Program Fees ~

- The program is **free** to parents as it is funded by Alberta Education and Chinook's Edge School Division No. 73.



Admission Criteria ~

The Pre-Kindergarten program at EOES is an intervention based program. All students enrolled in the program have either:

1) Been formally diagnosed with a delay by a qualified professional in one or more of the following areas:

- *Speech and/or language*
- *Fine and/or gross motor skills*
- *Hearing or vision*
- *Physical, cognitive, social/emotional development*

2) Been recommended by a local community agency or professional.

3) Been identified as being at risk for future learning difficulties based on an assessment completed at EOES

Ages ~

Children with severe needs who turn 3 before December 31 and children with mild/moderate or ESL needs who turn 4 before December 31 are eligible for early education programming.

Children who turn 5 after September 1, but before December 31, who our team assesses as not ready for Kindergarten are also eligible candidates for Pre-Kindergarten.

Registrations are accepted on the basis of age and need beginning in May.



For More Information ~



Parents can find application forms and additional information at:

- École Olds Elementary School (403) 556-8477
www.oldselementary.ca
- Chinook's Edge School Division (403) 227-7070
www.chinooksedge.ab.ca
- Olds Parent LINK Centre (403) 586-6537
www.parentlinkalberta.ca
- Olds Community Health Centre (403) 556-8441
www.dthr.ab.ca