



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 a special educational need or who are English as a Second Language (ESL) learners.
- 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 provided by speech and language pathologists as well as occupational and physical therapists.

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 ~

Individualized program plans (IPPs) are developed for children based on assessed needs and in consultation with parents. The program is designed to increase early literacy skills and prepare young children for successful entry into Kindergarten.

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 if they:

1. Have been formally diagnosed with a special educational need by a qualified professional in one or more of the following areas:
 - Speech or language.
 - Fine or gross motor skills.
 - Hearing or vision.
 - Physical, cognitive, emotional, or social development.

or

2. Have been recommended by a local community agency or professional.



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
- Olds Neighborhood Place (403) 556-7161
www.onplace.ca