

ACCESS TO EDUCATION

Background

The School 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 school authorities provide these programs.

Resident students will have access to appropriate educational programming.

Procedures

1. A resident child whose parent(s) live(s) within the boundaries of the District and who is five (5) years of age by the first day of March in a school year will be accepted for enrolment in a Kindergarten program in that school year.
2. A funded student whose parent(s) live(s) within the boundaries of the District and who is six (6) years of age by the first day of March 1 in a school year, will be accepted for enrolment in grade one in that school year.
3. A funded student whose parent(s) live(s) within the boundaries of the District, or who is a funded independent student living within the boundaries of the District, and who is younger than nineteen (19) years of age on September 1 in a school year, will be accepted for enrolment in an education program in that school year.
4. Any exceptions to school entrance into Kindergarten or grade one must be approved by the Superintendent.
5. A funded student may not be charged a tuition fee.
6. An independent student, as defined in section 1 of the School Act, will have residency determined by the location of his/her residence.
7. Students who are not eligible for provincial grants shall be charged an appropriate tuition fee, as prescribed by the Board.
8. A parent or independent student, may be asked to execute an affidavit declaring their resident status.
9. The District will provide educational programs and services to a funded nonresident student who lives outside the boundaries of the District if there are sufficient resources and facilities to accommodate the student. When such a non-resident student is accepted for enrolment in any program other than an outreach program, the student shall be eligible to receive all

educational programs and services available to resident students, with the exception of transportation services.

10. Students who are older than nineteen (19) years of age may access an educational program if they agree to abide by the rules of the school and there is space in the program.
11. When an enrolled student who lives within the boundaries of the District moves to a residence outside of the District, the student shall be considered a non-resident student and shall be subject to the stipulations outlined in section 6 above.
12. International students will be accepted for enrolment in the District, subject to the availability of resources and facilities, and the provisions of Administrative Procedure 302 - International Students.

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Reference: Section 3, 8, 13, 14, 15, 16.2, 20, 30, 44, 45, 45.1, 60, 61, 113 School Act
Section 23 Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms