

## **202 Students AP – School Entrance Age**

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1. Children who have reached the full age of six years on or before the first day of September must attend school.
2. Children with special needs may be eligible for early entry. The severity of the need will determine at which age the child is eligible. Children who are between 2 years 8 months and 4 years 8 months of age as of September 1 and who have been identified as having a severe disability or delay may qualify for Pre-ECS Program Unit Funding. Children who have been identified with a mild or moderate disability or delay must be between 3 years 8 months and 4 years 8 months as of September 1 to qualify for early entrance programming.
3. Children who have reached the full age of five years on or before the last day of December shall be admitted to kindergarten.
4. Children who have reached the full age of six years on or before the last day of December shall be admitted to Grade One.
5. Consideration shall be given to British children of BATUS parents to allow for early entry into Kindergarten and Grade One. The decision for early entry will be based on recommendations from school personnel. The British culture emphasizes an early entry into school. To allow British children a smooth transition into school on their return to England, the Division recognizes the needs of this unique student population.
6. Grade One classes may be excused from school attendance for a period of up to three (3) days to allow for orientation and testing of children who will be starting school in the following year. Grade One students must complete 950 hours of instruction.

**Legal Reference:** Education Act, Section 3 – Access to Education & Section 21 – Early childhood services programs

**Alberta Education Website:** [www.education.gov.ab.ca](http://www.education.gov.ab.ca)

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