

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AGE

Background

The Division supports the application of a uniform school entrance age for Early Childhood Services and regular grade students.

The *Education Act* provides direction with regard to school attendance ages for Grades 1 to 12 students. In addition, Alberta Education regulations provide for the attendance of Early Childhood Services students where school jurisdictions provide these programs.

Procedures

1. Every individual, who at September 1 in a year, is 6 years of age or older and younger than 19 years of age, and who is a Canadian citizen, lawfully admitted to Canada for permanent residence, a child of a Canadian citizen, or 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 he/she will be five years of age prior to March 1 of that school year.
3. A child may attend a grade or class if he/she will be six years of age prior to March 1 of that school year.
4. Students who exceed the upper age limitations specified in Guideline 1 may attend high school programs as adult students.

Reference: Section 3, 7, 8, 9, *Education Act*