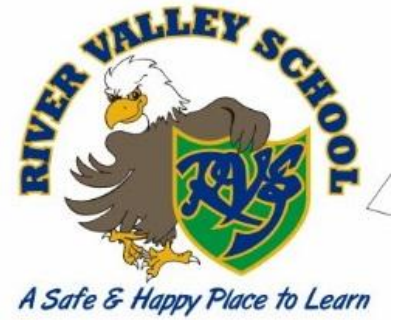


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Pre-Kindergarten Program Information





About our Program



*Program Fees:
There is **no fee** for our
Pre-Kindergarten
program as it is
funded by Alberta
Education and
Chinook's Edge School
Division No. 73.*

*Our Pre-Kindergarten
Program offers an
early learning
experience for
children ages 3 and 4
with identified needs.*

*Our Pre-Kindergarten
offers half-day
programming on
Tuesday, Wednesday
and Thursday.*

*Our Pre-Kindergarten
staff includes a
certified teacher and
educational
assistants. We also
have outside
professionals such as
a Speech Language
Pathologist, an
Occupational
Therapist, a Physical
Therapist and a
Psychologist as part
of our team. These
services are provided
to assist with your
child's programming
as needed.*

*Pre-Kindergarten
provides a rich
learning environment.*

*Children attending
our program are
provided with
educational play
based activities
designed to enhance
communication,
cognitive, emotional,
social, creative and
physical development
in preparation for
Kindergarten.*



Admission Criteria

The River Valley School Pre-Kindergarten Program is an intervention based program. It provides additional support for children in a setting that meets their developmental and educational needs. Students in this program will need to meet the following criteria:

- ❖ *Have been formally diagnosed with a delay by a qualified professional in one or more of the following areas:*
 - ***Speech and/or language delays***
 - ***Fine and/or gross motor skills***
 - ***Hearing or vision impairments***
 - ***Physical disabilities, significant developmental delays, social/emotional development difficulties***
 - ***Medical concerns***
- ❖ *Have been recommended by a local community agency or professional*
- ❖ *Have been identified as being at risk for future learning difficulties based on an assessment completed by River Valley School (our school screening process)*



Pre-Kindergarten Age Requirements:

- ❖ *Children with severe needs who turn 3 before December 31 are eligible*
- ❖ *Children with mild/moderate needs or are English as a Second Language learners who turn 4 before December 31 are eligible*
- ❖ *Children who turn 5 after September 1, but before December 31, and have been assessed by our team as not yet being ready for Kindergarten are eligible*





Our Pre-Kindergarten Goals:

- *Help to develop and enhance your child's communication skills in a play based learning environment*
- *Develop social and emotional learning skills (self-management, self-awareness, social awareness, peer relationship skills, decision making) in a safe and caring environment*
- *Continue to develop fine and gross motor skills through targeted activities*
- *Provide a literacy rich environment*
- *Provide a variety of learning experiences to nurture your child's creative and cognitive development in a small class setting*
- *Help develop independence and problem solving skills*
- *Foster a sense of belonging and a love of learning as your child begins his/her journey into education*
- *Personalized learning experiences with individual goals for each child (Individual Program Plans)*



Family Oriented Programming:

*For children who qualify for Early Childhood Services in Chinook's Edge, you may be able to access **Family Oriented Programming** which helps provide education and strategies for parents/guardians in many areas such as speech and language, occupational therapy, sensory needs, physical therapy, and positive behavior strategies.*

Applications are accepted on the basis of need beginning in January. They can be picked up at River Valley School or accessed through our website at www.rivervalleysundre.ca . If your child is eligible for the program , we will have you fill out a school registration form as well.

For more Information:

Please contact River Valley School at 403-638-3939.

We look forward to hearing from you ☺.

