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| kindergarten | Registration begins Jan. 16, 2012

The early years

The early years are a time of significant development in a child's life. Personalized attention is extremely beneficial to early learners; that is what sets our early learning programs apart from the rest. At the Calgary Board of Education, we understand that children bring their own unique talents and gifts to their learning experience. Our teachers know how to help children reach their full potential. Come learn with us.

Age

To register, children must turn five years of age by March 1 during their kindergarten school year. Kindergarten is an optional program. Children must begin school if they are six years old as of September 1.

Designated schools

Contact the school you would like your child to attend to discuss how to register. You can find out about your child's designated school by visiting cbe.ab.ca/schools.asp.

Learning opportunities

Kindergarten students have opportunities to:

- explore and experiment with their environment
- learn how to interact with others
- develop decision-making skills
- learn to communicate effectively
- develop their knowledge and skills in language arts, science, mathematics, social studies and fine arts

Program choices

With more kindergarten programs than anyone else in Calgary, we have a kindergarten program that is right for your child. Your kindergarten choices include:

- Community schools
- Language programs: French immersion and German, Mandarin and Spanish bilingual programs
- Aboriginal programs
- Montessori programs
- Science programs
- Traditional Learning Centres
- W.H. Cushing Workplace School
- All Boys (The CBE also has an all girls program for Grades 4-9.)

Visit cbe.ab.ca/programs to learn more.

Transportation

Transportation is available for kindergarten children who attend the designated school for their community and live within the established transportation service area. Contact your school or Transportation Services at 403-817-7433 for more information.

Learn more

Additional early learning information and links to useful resources are available on our website.

cbe.ab.ca/earlylearning

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getting ready for kindergarten

Before the school year begins, take your child to the school and playground so it becomes familiar. Attend the school's kindergarten information session or ask the school if there is another time you could visit the school with your child.



Encourage your child to be independent. Allow children to dress themselves, use the bathroom on their own, put away toys and help out in small ways at home.

Take time to talk with your child about everyday activities. Share special activities together such as walks to the park and talk about what you are seeing and doing. Let your child make choices and solve problems.

Read to your child every day. Read different types of books such as picture books, information books, nursery rhymes and poetry. Encourage your child to talk about the stories as you read together. Reading stories together will help your child to develop strong oral language skills, which will lead to success in school. Talk, read, sing and play in English or your first language every day. Your community library is a great resource for young children.



If your child is interested in letters and numbers and you would like to help your child learn more, work with your child in a playful way to make new discoveries in this area.

It is helpful if your child is able to print his or her first name. For safety, your child should also know how to say their first and last name, telephone number and/or address. Using scissors, pencils, crayons and playdough helps prepare your child for drawing and writing.

Develop a good bedtime and morning routine. Five-year-old children need approximately 10 to 12 hours of sleep each night.

Young children need practice and patient encouragement in their learning. Working together and having fun is just as important as completing the task. Talking about school and helping your child feel excited about their new adventure will make a positive difference.



Every child will be welcomed into the classroom as a unique individual with his or her own strengths. Please feel free to speak with the principal or other school staff if you have any questions or concerns.

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