



*The Edmonton Catholic Separate School District No. 7 supports early childhood education programs for children of eligible age. The programs will reflect district goals and objectives while adhering to the goals, objectives and program dimensions as outlined by Alberta Education.*


**Definitions:**

**Early childhood education programs** provide services to address the developmental needs of children before they enter grade one.

**Eligible age** means age on or before March 1 of the current school year is

- 5 years in the case of a regular program child but less than 7 years;
- 4 years in the case of a child with mild or moderate disability; or
- 3 years in the case of a child who has severe disabilities or is hearing impaired.

**Kindergarten programs** provide services to address the developmental needs of children in the year immediately before they enter grade one. (Occasionally a child may spend two years in a kindergarten program.)

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