

*"In Early Childhood Services (ECS Programs), young children participate as active learners, build a shared set of experiences and develop knowledge, skills and attitudes that prepare them for future learning."*

~ Alberta Education



Discover your child's path to a **bright and promising future.**



## EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PHILOSOPHY

To meet the needs of children and their families by nurturing and validating their strengths and supporting children to reach their optimal development within a safe, play based environment, using a team approach.

We value:

Celebrating children's and families' strengths

Communicating in a positive, clear, open and honest manner

Supporting families to be healthy

Compassion and in a nonjudgmental, positive attitude

### Contact Us

For more information about our Early Education Programs or to book a screening assessment, contact Sturgeon Public Schools:

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## EARLY EDUCATION PROGRAMS

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## Program Unit Funded (PUF)\*

PUF is for children between the ages of 2 years, 8 months and 6 years who have an identified need in one or more areas. These children benefit from extensive early childhood intervention.

- Develops communication, social/emotional, physical and readiness skills.
- Tailored to the individual and developmental needs of the child.
- Provides support at home and at school to help children reach their optimal development.
- Collaboration and support with the child's family, school team, and consultants.
- Children are fully included in the community, Headstart and kindergarten programs.
- Offered at all elementary schools in Sturgeon Public Schools.

## Headstart Program\*

The Headstart Program is for children between the ages of 3 years, 8 months and 5 years who have an identified mild to moderate delay. Children 2 years, 8 months may also be eligible if delays are severe. The Headstart Program operates by the philosophy that children learn best through play.

- Focuses on communication, and social, physical and emotional development.
- Takes a dual approach, offering both in-class and at home support.
- Provides qualified staff, consultants and family resources.
- Offered at all schools in Sturgeon Public Schools.
- Operates four to five half days/week during the school year.



## Enrichment Programs\*

The Enrichment Programs are for children in preschool and kindergarten who are assessed as being cognitively advanced. These children benefit from exploring their abilities in order to develop their multiple gifts and talents within the learning process. The programs feature Reggio Emilia inspired classrooms where students are given the tools and guidance to develop their full potential.

Enrichment Programs are offered at École Morinville Public School, Namao School and Sturgeon Heights School.

### PRESCHOOL ENRICHMENT PROGRAM (PEP)

- Exposes children to music, movement, culture, global citizenship, creative expression, science and technology, literacy, numeracy, and social/emotional development.
- Children's interests, excitement and questions are embedded in the learning experience.
- Provides a challenging level and pace of early learning.

### KINDERGARTEN ENRICHMENT PROGRAM (KEP)

- Kindergarten is the foundation of a child's Kindergarten Enrichment Program. The KEP Program operates at alternate times of the Kindergarten class.
- KEP operates two half days/week so that children can expand the objectives and concepts of Kindergarten curriculum.

### \*ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR EARLY EDUCATION PROGRAMS

*All children must be screened and qualify based on Alberta Education criteria.*

*Age 2 years, 8 months to 5 years as of September 1 for Headstart eligibility.*

*Age 3 years, 8 months to 5 years as of September 1 for PEP.*

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