

## **AP 211 – EARLY ENTRANCE TO PROGRAMS/PROGRAMMING**

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### **Background**

The Division supports Early Childhood Programming within the Division for children who qualify under Alberta Program Unit Funding Grants or Saskatchewan's Children's Policy Framework (2002), Section: (5.3). All programs will reflect the Division's goals and objectives while abiding by provincial legislation.

### **Procedures**

1. Applications for early entrance, including all supporting documentation shall be forwarded to the Deputy Director of Education, who in consultation with the Director shall render a decision of acceptance or non-acceptance into the Division.
2. Once a child is accepted, the Deputy Director of Education shall work with the parents, school staff, and other service providers (if necessary), to establish program placement, supports, and goals for the child entering the program.
3. Efforts shall be made to provide programming within existing Division programs.
4. When necessary, arrangements shall be made with service providers external to the Division.
5. The Deputy Director of Education, or designate, shall be responsible for overseeing the child's personal program plan, as well as to secure available funds as per Ministry regulations.
6. Transition meetings will commence prior to April 30 of the year the child will be eligible for regular aged attendance.

Reference: Sections 141, 142, 146, 156, 175, 178, 186, 186.1, 187, 231 Education Act  
Regulations 48, 49, 50, 52