



Attention all parents/guardians considering kindergarten or pre-kindergarten programs:

In order to assist you with your future plans for school/preschool registration, we would like to share some information on Alberta Education funding rules. While your child may not be eligible to attend Kindergarten with FFCA until future years, the choices you make in advance may affect the ability for your child to attend Kindergarten with Foundations for the Future Charter Academy (FFCA) in a fully funded program.

Alberta Education's age policy states that a child must be five (5) years old on or before December 31 to begin Kindergarten. Please note: in most cases, Kindergarten is only funded, by Alberta Education, for one year. Alberta Education funds both public AND private institutions; please don't assume that sending your child to a private program, will retain your child's Kindergarten funding to attend FFCA. If your preschool/ECS program accesses funding for any services for your child, **it may affect your child's Kindergarten funding to attend FFCA.** This includes, but is not limited to, speech therapy, occupational therapy, English as a Second Language (ESL) support, and programming to support students who may be demonstrating a developmental delay. It is your responsibility to ensure you understand what funding they are accessing and how your child's kindergarten funding may be affected. We recommend that you confirm this information, in writing, with the educational organization and retain the documentation for future reference.

While Alberta has changed the minimum age cutoff date for Kindergarten admission, parents still have the choice to wait until their child is older to attend Kindergarten:

- If he/she has NOT accessed any funding, your child must be less than seven (7) years old on September 1 to begin Kindergarten.
- If your child HAS accessed any funding, he/she must be less than six (6) years on September 1.

We hope this information helps guide you in your decision making and allows you to make a well-informed choice.

Sincerely,

Foundations for the Future Charter Academy