



Program Unit Funding (PUF)

What is PUF?

Program Unit Funding (PUF) is a provincial grant for children who require additional support beyond what is offered in a regular preschool program. The total funds made available depend on the needs of the child.

How does my child qualify for a PUF Pre-Kindergarten program?

A child must be assessed and diagnosed by a qualified professional (pediatrician, psychiatrist, psychologist, speech language pathologist) with a severe disability or severe language delay and meet the Alberta Education Special Education Coding Criteria.

How old does my child need to be to start a BRSD PUF Pre-Kindergarten program?

Children may qualify if they are more than 3 years, 0 months of age and less than 4 years, 8 months of age as of August 31, of the calendar year in which the child is being registered. Students must have not yet accessed two years of Pre-K programming. If your child turns 3 years of age prior to December 1 of the current calendar year, please reach out to Early Learning to discuss program options.

Is busing offered for children who attend BRSD PUF Pre-Kindergarten?

School bus service is not offered for Pre-Kindergarten programs.

How many years can my child qualify for PUF Pre-Kindergarten?

A child may qualify for up to two years of PUF Pre-Kindergarten funding if they meet the Special Education Coding Criteria as determined by the Alberta Education for a severe disability or severe language delay.

What support does PUF funding provide?

Support can come in many different forms. Examples may include

- Language consultation or therapy
- Occupational consultation or therapy
- Physical consultation or therapy
- Access to a Learning Consultant
- Educational assistants (who support a cluster of students)
- A Student Support Plan (SSP) with developmentally appropriate goals developed in consultation with program leads, therapists, consultants and parents. The parents will be actively involved in this process.



Does my child need to use the toilet independently?

Children who qualify with a severe speech and language delay should be toilet trained. For children identified with other severe disabilities or delays, parents are responsible to communicate with the program lead where their child is at in the toileting process.

Who do I contact if I have questions about the PUF Pre-Kindergarten program?

Please contact Early Learning by email at earlylearning@brsd.ab.ca or by phone at 780-672-6131