

FVSD Pre-Kindergarten (PUF) Program

The Fort Vermilion School Division offers a Pre-Kindergarten (PUF) Program to those children with a **severe disability or severe language delay** who require additional support beyond that offered in a regular ECS program. The intention of the program is to provide early intervention to address the specific needs of the individual child and better prepare him/her for schooling.

To be eligible,

1. Children must be a minimum age of 2 years 8 months and less than 4 years 8 months of age on September 1. Students over 4 years 8 months are no longer eligible for PUF funding. They will be enrolled in kindergarten classes and have their needs supported within inclusive education.
2. An assessment by a qualified professional of a severe disability or severe language delay must be provided to school authorities.

Due to limited personnel and budget restraints, children will be prioritized and be put on a wait list. Priority will be given to those children who are 3 years 8 months of age on September 1 with a severe language delay, followed by children who are 3 years 8 months with a severe disability. Next priority will be given to children who are a minimum of 2 years 8 months of age as of September 1 with a severe language delay, followed by children who are 2 years 8 months with a severe disability.

It is our goal to have students placed in programs by **September 30, 2020**.

The deadline for application into the 2020-2021 FVSD Pre-Kindergarten (PUF) Program, is **December 1, 2020** (space permitting).

If you have any questions regarding the Pre-Kindergarten (PUF) Program in your community, please contact the Inclusive Education Coordinator at your elementary school.