

# Find the right fit for your child

*We are excited that you are choosing our Division for your child and family—we offer a wide range of program options to support your child's learning needs.*

*Families can choose to attend their designated attendance area school, or explore other Division schools and programs. No matter the choice, every student learns in a welcoming, caring, respectful and safe learning environment that respects diversity and fosters a sense of belonging.*

## Program options at Edmonton Public Schools



Schools offer one or more program options: regular, alternative or specialized programming. Schools work with families to explore whether a regular or alternative program is the best fit or if your child is eligible to attend a specialized program. [Learn more: \*\*epsb.ca/programs\*\*](http://epsb.ca/programs)

### Regular program

Most schools offer regular programming, but no two schools offer it in the same way.

All schools follow the Alberta curriculum, while areas of focus may vary to meet student needs. In the classroom, teachers design instruction to make learning accessible for all students.

### Alternative programs

There are more than 30 programming choices available to families.

Alternative programs provide the curriculum determined by Alberta Education and Childcare, with a focus on one of the following:

- arts
- athletics
- languages
- faith
- teaching philosophy
- First Nations, Métis, and Inuit education

### Specialized programming at select schools

Specialized programs provide instruction based on provincial curriculum, with additional supports designed for your child's individual needs and abilities.

Specialized programs support students who have:

- learning disabilities
- autism
- cognitive disabilities
- behavioural challenges
- physical or medical conditions
- communication needs

Some programs have limited space and are only available at select Division schools. If you are considering a specialized program, discuss options for your child with the school principal at your designated school.

[Learn more: \*\*epsb.ca/programs/  
specializedprogramming\*\*](http://epsb.ca/programs/specializedprogramming)



## Register for school

*Registration helps you and the school plan for your child's unique learning needs.*

**A regular classroom should always be considered as the first option for a student who needs specialized supports.** You can work with the principal at your designated school to review options and determine a programming choice to best support your child.

**During registration, you can:**

- Learn about program options and supports.
- Request a welcome meeting to share your child's strengths, interests and goals.
- Understand that program placement is a parent's choice. The school is there to provide guidance and support.

**When registering, please bring:**

- Parent or guardian's address
- Legal proof of the student's name, birthdate and citizenship status
- Recent progress reports and Individualized Program Plans (IPPs), if applicable
- Any specialized assessment or diagnostic reports you wish to share

***We look forward to welcoming your family and supporting your child's learning journey.***

Learn more about registering for school: [epsb.ca/schools/register](http://epsb.ca/schools/register)



## Visit an open house

School open houses give families a chance to learn more about their options. You can:

- explore programs and activities
- connect with the school community
- get helpful information about registering for school

Open houses are held between February and March each year.

Learn more and find open house dates: [epsb.ca/schools/openhouse](http://epsb.ca/schools/openhouse)

## Inclusive education

Edmonton Public Schools is committed to an inclusive approach that values each student's unique strengths and helps every child feel like they belong. Inclusive education offers responsive and flexible ways to support learning. Examples include learning in a regular classroom with support, specialized programs, or a combination of both.

***What does inclusive education look like at Edmonton Public Schools?***

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