

Statement of Policy

Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools' Board of Education may support programming for children who are three or four years old who meet the Ministry of Education criteria as an Intensive Needs student although priority will be given to four year olds.

Rationale

Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools recognizes that some children who are three and four years old who meet the Ministry of Education criteria as an Intensive Needs student may benefit from attending a quality learning environment to enhance learning and development before attending kindergarten.

Authority

- Education Act, Sections 85 and 146

Procedures

1. Community agencies and/or families must complete an application and return the form to the division office, attention Student Services. The application form can be accessed on our division website.
2. The parent/guardian is responsible for providing all pertinent information at time of application (i.e. medical reports, psychological reports, etc.).
3. The child must meet Ministry of Education criteria as an Intensive Needs student.
4. Children who are accessing another early learning program including a licensed childcare would not be eligible for placement in Prekindergarten. In order to maximize the number of children able to access programming and services, only one program per child is permitted according the Ministry of Education, Maximizing Early Learning Spaces document.
5. The family will meet with a Student Services Coordinator to learn more about the child's strengths and needs to determine Early Learning program placement for the child.
6. Parents/guardians are responsible for transporting their child to and from the program.

References

- Actualizing a Needs-Based Model – Saskatchewan Ministry of Education, 2015
- Early Learning Intensive Support Pilot - Saskatchewan Ministry of Education, 2017
- Inclusive Education – Saskatchewan Ministry of Education, 2016
- Maximizing Early Learning Spaces – Saskatchewan Ministry of Education

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