



Jessie Duncan Elementary School



Pre-Kindergarten Program



Program Description ~

- Pre-Kindergarten provides a rich learning environment for children who may benefit from a cooperative and nurturing learning experience.
- Children who attend Pre-Kindergarten participate in a consistent, high quality, play-based program. All classroom activities are designed to enhance cognitive, social, creative, and physical development in preparation for Kindergarten.
- Pre-Kindergarten offers half-day programming three days each week throughout the school year.
- Staff includes a certified teacher and educational assistants. Additional support is provided by speech and language pathologists as well as occupational and physical therapists.



Program Fees ~

- The program is **free** to parents as it is funded by Alberta Education and Chinook's Edge School Division No. 73.

Admission Criteria ~

Individualized program plans (IPPs) are developed for children based on assessed needs and in consultation with parents. The program is designed to increase early literacy skills and prepare young children for successful entry into Kindergarten.

Children with severe needs who turn 3 before December 31 and children with mild/moderate or ESL needs who turn 4 before December 31 are eligible for early education programming if they:

1. Have been formally diagnosed with a special educational need by a qualified professional in one or more of the following areas:
 - Speech or language.
 - Fine or gross motor skills.
 - Hearing or vision.
 - Physical, cognitive, emotional, or social development.

or

2. Have been recommended by a local community agency or professional.



For More Information ~

Parents can find application forms and additional information at:

- Jessie Duncan Elementary School (403) 886-2233
- Chinook's Edge School Division (403) 227-7070
www.cesd73.ca