



Kindergarten Fact Sheet - Elk Island Catholic Schools

1. When will kindergarten registration open this year?

For the 2020-2021 school year, registration for kindergarten programs across the Elk Island Catholic Schools (EICS) division will open on Saturday, February 1, 2020. Registration will be online and parents can create their unique SchoolEngage profile.

Parents can be directed to the Student Registration site on the EICS website <https://www.eics.ab.ca/parents-and-students/school-registration>

2. Why is it later than previous years - it usually occurred the first or second week in January right after the break?

We realize that it is later this year but with the late Fall Alberta budget we needed to give our schools time to properly plan for next year. At the same time, we realize that parents wanted to have enough time to register and attend open houses in the spring for kindergarten.

This year, we are extending the date for pre-kindergarten registration until March 1, 2019 until we have more detailed information about funding and programming options.

3. When is my child eligible to register for kindergarten?

To be eligible to enrol in kindergarten, your child must be 5 years of age by December 31, 2020.

4. How do I register for kindergarten in EICS?

All student registration in EICS is done online via our SchoolEngage process. This allows for all information and documents to be housed on one site within our division and is much more efficient and seamless than paper registration.

The first step to enrolling your child, is to check the Boundary Maps in EICS. A number of our communities (Fort Saskatchewan - Strathcona County) have designated schools.

Check out the EICS Boundary Maps here: [EICS Boundary Maps](#)

To enroll online: Visit the EICS Student Registration page located at:
<https://www.eics.ab.ca/parents-and-students/school-registration>

REGISTERING A STUDENT WHEN YOU ARE NEW OR RETURNING TO THE DISTRICT



If you do not currently have a student registered in the District, you will be unable to log into PowerSchool but the SchoolEngage portal will enable you to register students who are new or returning to EICS.

Go to <https://eics.schoolengage.ca/#/login>

If you have not yet created an account, click "Create new account?"

To finish creating a new account, enter the required information and click "Register"

- **Note: A valid email address will be required to complete the sign up procedure**
- 2. Once you have registered, log into SchoolEngage and click the "Add Student" button to add a new student, then fill in the information.
 - **Important - all fields other than the ASN are required. The school will fill the ASN itself after registration is complete.**
- 3. Click the Graduation Hat icon and choose the student you added to see a list of forms.

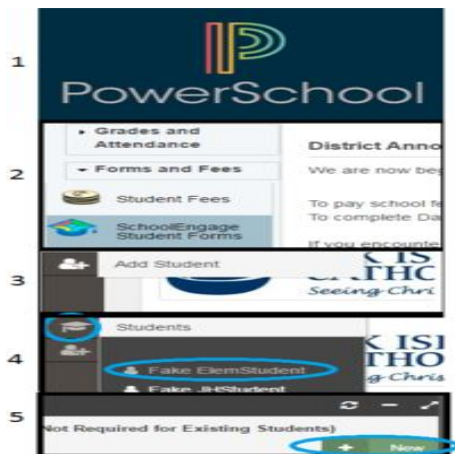
If you are registering a new student (one who has never existed in the division), the form available will be **"Elk Island Catholic - Registration Form"**

If the student has been previously registered at EICS, the form available will be **"Student Reactivation Request"**

In both cases, please fill out the form and submit it to the school you wish to register your child. The school will then typically follow up within two weeks (or after returning if submitted during the summer season).

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If you already have access to PowerSchool with EICS (e.g. because a sibling of the student is already attending a school in our district), you can log into PowerSchool and register a new student using the following steps:

Log into <https://powerschool.eics.ab.ca> (contact your school if you do not know your Parent Portal Login Information).

1. Click "SchoolEngage Student Forms".
2. From the menu to the left, choose the icon to Add Student, then fill out the student's information
 - **Important - all fields other than the ASN are required. The school will fill the ASN itself after registration is complete.**
3. Click the Graduation Hat icon and click on the student you just created to see a list of available forms.
4. Click "New" beside the registration form that is relevant for the year you are registering.

To complete the form successfully, you'll also need to ensure that you have a copy of the child's citizenship documentation (e.g. Canadian Birth Certificate, Permanent Residence Card, Student Study Permit, etc.). For students who are not Canadian citizens, we are also required to maintain parent documentation on file (e.g. Permanent Residence Card, Work Permit, etc.).

Once your child is registered with the district, they will automatically be added to your PowerSchool account.

5. Can I register in person or on paper?

Unfortunately not. Online registration is the safest and most effective way to seamlessly register for a school in our division.

6. What kind of programs will be available - days/special programs etc?

Each school determines the specific programming that they will be running in their school based on student enrolment. Refer to school website for more information.

7. Do you have second-language programs for kindergarten?

EICS Is pleased to offer second-language programs in both French Immersion and Ukrainian bilingual. You can access the following school websites for more info:

Jean Vanier Catholic School: Ukrainian Bilingual Program

<https://jv.eics.ab.ca/programs/unique-programs>

École Père Kenneth Kearns Catholic Elementary School - French Immersion

<https://epk.eics.ab.ca/programs/kindergarten>

8. When will I find out about the kindergarten program after I online register?

Each school will be reviewing all the registrations and determining what type of

programming they will be offering based on enrolment. They will then reach out to all the parents to inform them via email. As well, many schools will be offering open houses in the Spring to inform their parent community about their various programs for kindergarten and other grades - so parents are invited to check the school website for the most up to date information.

9. How do I find out about Transportation?

In order to request transportation, you can apply online directly at EICS Transportation which is located at:

<https://www.eics.ab.ca/transportation/request-transportation>

Bussing fees must be paid in full prior to bussing being provided.

10. Will my child receive additional supports if they need it in kindergarten?

Announcements from the provincial government will hopefully be made by March 2020 regarding early learning programming. If no government decision regarding early learning programs and funding has occurred by March 1, 2020, families who have children with special needs will be put on a waiting list for additional supports until decisions are made regarding early learning programming.

Decisions may affect boundaries, programming options, transportation, and eligibility criteria. Parents are invited to register with EICS but we cannot indicate what supports/funding will be in place for September until we receive more direction from Alberta Education/Alberta Health Services.

11. Are there any resources parents can utilize in anticipation of a child's September 1, 2020 start date?

Kindergarten establishes the foundation for learning in your child's future years. With 475 instructional hours and a variety of supplementary services and supports, our kindergarten programs encourage children to expand their abilities and interests, learn about sharing and cooperation, develop self-confidence and experience continuous improvement.

A positive learning experience at an early age lays the groundwork for children to become enthusiastic lifelong learners. In a safe and caring environment, guided by qualified and caring professionals, kindergarten children in EICS will:

- try new things, take risks and learn to accept rules and responsibility;
- develop positive relationships with others;
- build on and develop problem-solving skills;

- enhance language/reading skills;
- develop attitudes and behaviours that promote wellness and a healthy lifestyle;
- become aware of similarities and differences between themselves and others;
and express themselves creatively

Alberta Education - Learn Alberta for Kindergarten Resources

<http://www.learnalberta.ca/content/mychildlearning/kindergarten.html>