About GPPSD PUF

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PUF (Program Unit Funding) Pre-Kindergarten

Program Unit Funded (PUF) Pre-Kindergarten Program in the Grande Prairie Public School Division (GPPSD) are:

- child centred
- 🔮 play-based
- developmentally appropriate

Programming provides a rich early learning environment for children with moderate to severe language delays and/or disabilities so they can participate, progress and achieve.

Children receive direct teaching from a certified teacher and may receive direct therapy from an educational assistant (supervised by a speech-language pathologist).

Teachers work collaboratively with a Multi-Disciplinary Team and GPPSD Early Learning staff to design and deliver individual and group programming focused on:

- 오 language development
- communication strategies
- early literacy and numeracy skills
- physical activities
- 🔮 social skills
- self-regulation strategies





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Grande Prairie Public School Division Every Student Succeeds

We welcome all students!

How do children **qualify?**

Program **options**

How to register?

To qualify for PUF programming, children with a **moderate to severe** language delay and/or other disabilities must be assessed and diagnosed by a qualified professional (pediatrician, psychiatrist, psychologist, speech-language pathologist) and meet Alberta Education's Special Education Coding Criteria

Children assessed and diagnosed with a **mild** delay by a qualified professional may also qualify for a placement, depending on capacity and based on Alberta Education's Coding Criteria.



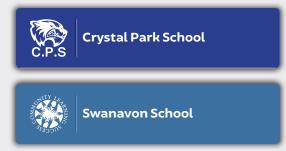
Child's age:

Based on the Alberta Education Coding criteria, children with a moderate to severe delay an/or disability may be eligible if they are between **3 to 4 years of age** as of December 31 of the calendar year they are attending.

Children with a mild delay and/or disability may be eligible if they are **4 years of age** as of December 31 of the calendar year they are attending.



The PUF Pre-Kindergarten Program is offered at the following GPPSD Schools:



What days do children come to school?

Children who have qualified for the PUF Pre-Kindergarten program attend Monday through Friday for either a morning or afternoon program.

Play Partners

As part of the PUF Pre-Kindergarten Program, there are opportunities for Play Partner students. These are children of the same age who are developing with strong skills in language, self-help and social interactions. They act as role models for students in PUF Pre-Kindergarten programming. Learn more at gppsd.ab.ca/preschool.

Grande Prairie Public School Division, where every student succeeds! **Step 1:** Parents/guardians book an appointment with GPPSD's PUF Unit Lead to share their childs assessment & diagnosis report (email PUF@gppsd.ab.ca).

Step 2: Once qualified, parents or guardians will receive a registration email to enroll their child into GPPSD PUF Pre-Kindergarten program.



New families to GPPSD



Current families with GPPSD



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