

## About GPPSD PUF **program**

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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:

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

### **Please call or email,**

Grande Prairie Public School Division's  
PUF Lead



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## How do children qualify?

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.

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## Program options

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](http://gppsd.ab.ca/preschool).

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## How to register?

**Step 1:** Parents/guardians book an appointment with GPPSD's PUF Unit Lead to share their child's assessment & diagnosis report (email [PUF@gppsd.ab.ca](mailto: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.



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