

Program Unit Funding Parent Information and Expectations:

Based on the assessment information we have for your child; he/she qualifies for Program Unit Funding (PUF) from Alberta Education. PUF is available to implement programming for early intervention to support identified learning needs. This information outlines what you can expect in your child's programming.

- An Early Learning Plan(ELP) is created to outline the goals and strategies to best meet your child's learning needs. As you know your child best, you will be an important part of the school based team who create and review the plan 3 times throughout the year. There will be meetings arranged for parents to attend in October, February and June.
- A variety of adult supports are available in the classroom to adequately meet your child's learning needs.
- Any fees required for the Early Learning program will be covered by the funding.
- If your child's learning needs includes speech and language support, a Speech Language Pathologist (SLP) with Horizon School Division will work with your child as needed and provide strategies for the classroom staff to implement daily. The SLP will provide you with regular updates of what your child is working on and strategies for home and school to use. Please let the SLP know the how you would like to be updated e.g. email, phone, note.
- If needed, an Occupational Therapist or Physiotherapist from Alberta Health services will provide strategies for the staff to best support your child.
- Family Oriented Programming sessions (FOPS) are available to engage the child and parents in a variety of activities to work towards your child's goals. FOPs are offered outside of the regular programming and will benefit your child. A sign up pamphlet will be provided to you. Please plan to attend as many as possible.
- You will be asked to sign a transportation agreement with Horizon School Division. This allows us to pay you mileage (to a maximum of 18.36/trip & \$549/year) to transport your child to and from the Early Learning program and for you to travel to the Family Oriented Programming sessions if your travel is more than 2.5 km per trip.

Parents and schools working together is the best way to meet a child's learning needs.

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