

AGES FOR FUNDING ELIGIBILITY IN ECS PROGRAMS DEPENDING UPON STATUS OF CHILD

Category of ECS Children	Type of ECS Funding Provided	Minimum Age of child on Sept 1	Maximum age of child on Sept 1
Kindergarten child	Base Instruction Funding (Maximum of 1 year funding)	4 years 8 months	Less than 7 years
ECS child with a mild/moderate disability/delay	Base Instruction Funding and Mild/Moderate (Maximum 2 years funding which includes the Kindergarten year)	3 years 8 months	Less than 6 years
ECS child who is gifted and talented	Base Instruction Funding and Gifted and Talented (Maximum 2 years funding which includes the Kindergarten year)	3 years 8 months	Less than 6 years
ECS child with ESL needs or Francisation needs	Base Instruction Funding (Maximum 2 years funding which includes the Kindergarten year) ESL/ Francisation Funding	3 years 8 months	Less than 6 years
ECS child with severe disabilities/delay	Base Instruction Funding (Maximum 3 years funding which includes the Kindergarten year) and PUF (Max years see Section C2.6, E 2.3)	2 years 8 months	Less than 6 years
ECS child who is developmentally immature	Base Instruction Funding (Maximum 2 years funding)	5 years 8 months	Less than 7 years

- The maximum years if funding cannot be combined. **ECS operators** must take into consideration the grade one school entrance age in the community when accessing the maximum years of ECS funding.

Reference: Section 3,21,32,41,52,53,197,222 Education Act
 Funding Manual for School Authorities
 Guide to Education ECS to Grade 12
 Standards for the Provision of Early Childhood Special Education

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