

PLACE Program



The Practical Learning and Community Education (PLACE) Program is a specialized system program designed to meet the needs of students identified with moderate cognitive (intellectual) disabilities and significant delays in most areas of development including physical, medical, sensory or behavioural challenges. The focus of the program is to improve academic, communication, self-care, social, vocational and independent-living skills within a safe and structured learning environment, as well as within the community. PLACE students will receive a high school certificate of completion, rather than a high school diploma.

Flexible and responsive instruction is guided by an Instructional Support Plan (ISP), builds on individual strengths and needs and follows the Alberta Education Programs of Study, with adaptations or modifications as necessary. The PLACE Program is supported by Elk Island Public Schools' Specialized Supports multi-disciplinary team.

Benefits for Students

- Improved literacy and numeracy skills
- Improved social communication and interaction skills
- Improved independent-living skills
- Increased sense of belonging to a classroom community

Programming Priorities

- Smaller class size with more targeted instruction
- Building literacy and numeracy skills in a nurturing and structured environment with consistent routines
- Focus on independent-living skills and opportunities to interact with other students in school-wide and community activities

Eligibility

Students must:

- be 6 to 18 years old as of December 31, in the year they'll enrol in the program;
- have a clinical diagnosis of a moderate intellectual disability; and
- be a resident student of Elk Island Public Schools.

If you feel your child might be eligible, discuss your child's programming needs with your school team. They, along with the specialized supports consultant, can help to determine if the PLACE Program might be a potential fit for your child.

Locations

- Westboro Elementary (grades 1-6)
- Clover Bar Junior High (grades 7-9)
- Bev Facey Community High (grades 10-12)

Questions about this program?

Current EIPS families:
Contact your school team

New EIPS families:
Contact EIPS' Supports for Students team at 780-417-8219

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FAQs

