

## GOALS Program



The Generating Occupational, Academic and Life Skills (GOALS) Program is a specialized system program designed to meet the needs of students identified with mild cognitive (intellectual) disabilities. The focus of the program is to improve academic and independent living skills within a positive and supportive learning environment. GOALS students are working toward a high school certificate of completion or a certificate of high school achievement (knowledge and employability), 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 necessary. The GOALS Program is supported by Elk Island Public Schools' Specialized Supports multi-disciplinary team.

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### Benefits for Students

- Improved literacy and numeracy skills
- Improved independent school and life skills

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### Programming Priorities

- Smaller class size within a flexible learning environment
- Building literacy and numeracy skills around a student's individual needs
- Social-emotional learning
- 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 mild 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 GOALS Program might be a potential fit for your child.

### Locations

- Brentwood Elementary (grades 1-6)
- F.R. Haythorne Junior High (grades 7-9)
- Bev Facey Community High (grades 10-12)
- Fort Saskatchewan 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

