

STEPS Program



The Steps to Enhance Personal Success (STEPS) Program is a specialized system program designed to meet the needs of students with severe to profound developmental disabilities. These students may have physical, sensory or behavioural challenges, or medical conditions requiring specialized accommodations. The focus of the program is to build functional communication skills that enhance quality of life within a safe and structured learning environment, with regular routines and close supervision. STEPS 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, modified to each student's individual learning profile. The STEPS Program is supported by Elk Island Public Schools' Specialized Supports multi-disciplinary team.

Benefits for Students

- Improved functional communication skills
- Improved independent-living skills
- Improved self-regulation skills and ability to cope with classroom environment

Programming Priorities

- Smaller class size with flexible instruction
- Focus on functional communication skills
- Focus on independent-living and self-regulation skills
- Flexible and responsive programming built around individual students' strengths

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 severe to profound developmental 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 STEPS Program might be a potential fit for your child.

Locations

- Westboro Elementary (grades 1-6)
- Salisbury Composite High (grades 7-12)
- 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

