

**Tevie Miller Heritage School Program
Tevie Miller Early Education Program
Tevie Miller Early Education Kindergarten**

Frequently Asked Questions

When did the Tevie Miller Heritage School, Early Education (ECS) and Kindergarten programs join Edmonton Public Schools?

- The Tevie Miller Heritage School, ECS and Kindergarten programs joined Edmonton Public Schools (EPSB) as a result of a transfer agreement in 1996. The transfer of the entire program was signed off between the (then) Heritage School Society and EPSB Board of Trustees.

What is the history of the Tevie Miller programs?

- Tevie Miller Heritage School, ECS and Kindergarten programming has over a 50 year history as a private school and now public school program serving “students/children with learning disabilities associated with speech and language development”. The school was first named Evelyn Unger School, then was later renamed The Heritage School, A Centre for Language and Learning Development for Children. In 1997, the name of the school was changed to Tevie Miller Heritage School Program.

What is the entrance criteria for the Tevie Miller School, ECS and Kindergarten programs?

Decisions on placement are aligned with the transfer agreement which includes the learning environment, entrance criteria and priority for admission.

Learning Environment Characterized By... (Agreement):

A collaborative in-class team teaching model with a teacher, assistant and speech language pathologist.

Entrance Criteria for School Aged Programming... (EPSB):

Eligibility is for students with at least low average intellectual ability, who present with a moderate to severe communication disability and significant academic delays. A student who exhibits a pattern of erratic or inconsistent attendance and/or aggressive behaviours is not eligible. Students who meet criteria also enter into an agreement The Tevie Society to access on-site enhanced speech and language services.

Admission Criteria for ECS and Kindergarten Programming... (Agreement):

On September 1 of the year of admission, the child is two years six months of age or older, but under five years six months of age and is eligible for program unit funding from Alberta Education. Eligible children are those whose priority areas of need fall within the parameters of the transfer agreement which identifies that the school serves children whose priority programming is severe speech language delays or disorders.

Priority for Admission... (Agreement and EPSB)

Where the number of students eligible for the program exceeds the space available, the principal of the program will prioritize on the basis of eligibility, anticipated effectiveness of the programming, and alignment with District placement policy and processes.