

## Subsidy: <https://www.alberta.ca/child-care-subsidy>

- There seems to be confusion on how the \$10/day grant and subsidy works so we wanted to take this opportunity to explain the Grant and subsidy process to our families.
- What is the difference between the kindergarten funding and the Grade 1 – 6 subsidy?
  - o Kinder funding is provided through a mutual agreement between the Federal Government and the Provincial Government, by annual contract with the childcare provider.
    - The grant is paid out based on registered hours. As our program is full, all children are signed up as full time. This means that families get this funding regardless of how many hours their child actually attends. Every kindergarten child automatically gets \$798.75 deducted from their fees at the time of invoicing.
    - The parent portion is set at \$326.25 by the Government. This is the amount that all families with children in Kindergarten will pay at our programs.
    - The current Grant contract is set to expire at the end of March 2026, and the future of the grant is unknown currently. This means that families may see another shift in fee's as of April 1, 2026, but what this will look like is unknown at this time.
  - o Grades 1 – 6 Subsidy:
    - There is no grant for grades 1 – 6, they were not included in the federal funding contract.
    - This subsidy is for families with a household income of \$90,000 or less with children in before and after school care.
    - You can receive up to \$366/month subsidy, but the actual amount you receive is dependant on the hours and actual household income.
    - The subsidy amount can increase up to \$644 in the summer dependant on what you qualify for.
    - For grades 1 – 6 the average hours on the subsidy application are 50, your child must attend these hours, or close to these hours to receive the funding. If your child does not attend the hours, then you might get less funding, and you will be responsible for paying the difference.
  - o Few extra notes about subsidy:
    - Subsidy is claimed at the start of the following month, for example we claim August subsidy at the start of September, September subsidy at the start of October etc.
    - It is done this way so that we can put in the actual hours that the children attend the program.
    - Payment is not received by the program until early to mid month, of the following month, for example we received the August subsidy and grant funding September 9.

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- Once funding is received you may find changes to your invoice depending on how much subsidy paid. Sometimes they pay more then families have been pre-approved for and sometimes they pay less. (usually depends on hours)
- If a child does not attend the program, we do NOT receive any funding.
- Subsidy can make changes to payment up to a year after payment has been received. This is called adjustments.
- When we receive an adjustment you will get a new invoice from us, with an explanation, to the best of our ability about why you have a credit or balance owing.