

Early Childhood Education Policy

1. The Progressive Conservative Party of Saskatchewan acknowledges the deficiency (lack of money) that is responsible for Saskatchewan's students' scores to fall to third lowest in literary skills in Canada, we will support literacy and numeracy in pre-school and throughout elementary grades, province wide as required.

Since testing for literacy skills is suggested in kindergarten, grade three and at the age of fifteen, a Progressive Conservative Party will strongly urge school boards to expect compliance, collection, compilation, and release of data. Such data will be used to underwrite policy.

2. The PC Party acknowledges the success of the Saskatoon Public School Foundation's Early Childhood Tutoring program for students from grade 1 to grade 3 we will with their compliance, adopt it for grades one to five, as many students in grade six have been identified as being placed beyond their skill levels.
3. We will ensure that students in training for an Early Childhood Teaching Diploma receive specialized training for instructing young children.
4. The PC Party will encourage publicly funded, all day, every school day kindergarten through the province in our first 4-year mandate. Our elected members will advocate and lobby for same.
5. The PC Party will dedicate 1% of the Province Sales tax to the *Early Learning Development Program*.