



## THE EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM (PRE-KINDERGARTEN)

### THE CENTRAL QUÉBEC SCHOOL BOARD

Central Québec School Board educators value the natural way in which children explore and discover the world around them. We encourage children to actively learn, develop autonomy and establish positive relationships with adults and peers. <https://www.cqsb.qc.ca/en/web/cscq/home>

### PARENTS

As your child's first teacher, you know your child's strengths and challenges. Your support is essential in helping your child be successful in school.

At the Central Québec School Board your child will experience...

- the opportunity to play and develop in an English setting;
- a safe, nurturing environment;
- an opportunity to build meaningful relationships with other adults;
- the chance to establish new friendships;
- an opportunity to develop his/her own natural abilities and aptitudes;
- a gentle introduction to school life;
- a setting where parents and educators collaborate

### THE ROLE OF PLAY

One of the main characteristics of play is the pleasure that children derive from it. Play is an excellent way to explore the world, understand, imagine, modify and master it. **As such, play must be considered the main tool whereby children express themselves, learn and develop.**



## QUÉBEC EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM FOR CHILDCARE SERVICES

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<https://www.mfa.gouv.qc.ca/fr/services-de-garde/cpe-garderies/programme-educatif/Pages/index.aspx>

Schools, within the Central Québec School Board, that provide an Early Childhood experience follow the Québec's Educational Program for Childcare Services. The educational childcare services' mission is to:

- ensure the well-being, health and safety of young children;
- offer a living environment suitable for supporting young children in their global development;
- help prevent the emergence of difficulties related to the overall development of young children and promote their social inclusion.

To ensure the overall development of the child a variety of learning experiences are provided based on the child's age and needs. The program targets four domains:

- Physical and motor development
- Cognitive development
- Language development
- Social and emotional development



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