



Entry to School (ETS)

What is Entry to School?

Entry to School (ETS) is a Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services-funded Ontario Autism Program (OAP). This program helps prepare children to learn the skills to become ready for school and is a partnership between local school boards and community-based OAP service providers. Children ages 3-6 who are registered with OAP will receive a letter inviting them to attend (by mail or Access OAP online portal).



Eligibility Requirements

- Your child has an autism diagnosis and is registered with the Ontario Autism Program/ Access OAP.
- Your child is between the ages of 3 and 6 years old as of December 31 in the year they are starting school.
- Your child is entering school for the first time, either kindergarten or grade one.
- Families received a letter of invitation to Entry to School from the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services.

What does Entry to School look like?

The ETS program is provided over a 12-month period. It begins with a six-month group-based school readiness program. Children will participate up to 15 hours per week in the group-based program.

After completing the group-based program, children will start the second part, which provides them with individual transition supports as they enter school. Families and educators will be able to access consultation services from Entry to School program staff, as needed, during a child's first six months in school.

The next cohorts of children will start the group-based program the following March.



How to Register for Entry to School

My child has received an autism diagnosis and fits the criteria listed above.

I have registered with AccessOAP, and have an OAP number.

1. Log into your AccessOAP account.
2. Check your dashboard for a letter of invitation for the Entry to School program, or other services available to you.

I have NOT registered with AccessOAP.

1. Register with AccessOAP
<http://accessoap.ca/>
 - a. Click on 'Set up your account'.
 - b. Follow instructions listed.
 - c. If you require support to register, please contact Jennifer, Family Engagement Coordinator and Autism Liaison
(familyengagement@pathwayscentre.org)
2. Record your OAP Number and Care Coordinator name, if provided.
3. Check your dashboard on a regular basis for letters of invitation, supports and services available to you.

Once an invitation has been received, contact Monica, Supervisor of Indigenous Services and Autism Services, at Pathways to register.

Phone: (519) 542-3471 ext 1498 or Email: autism@pathwayscentre.org