



Elk Point Elementary School 2020-2021 Back-to-School Plan

Elk Point Elementary School has developed the following plan in addition to the plan set out by St. Paul School Division. These plans have been developed in accordance with Alberta government guidelines and the recommendations set by Alberta Health Services.

First Days of School - Staggered Student Entry

We will be having a staggered school entry to allow for a smoother transition for our students and families back to school. The re-entry schedule will be as follows:

Tuesday September 8

KA - First half of the class

1A

2A

4A

5A

6A

Wednesday September 9

KB - First half of the class

1B

3A

4B

5B

6B

Thursday September 10

KA - Second half of the class

Grades 1 - 6, regular school day

Friday September 11

KB - Second half of the class

Grades 1 - 6, regular school day

Student Entry and Dismissal

Students are to be dropped off and picked up at their appropriate grade assigned entrance doors of the school only.

ECS & Grade 1 - Northwest Entrance (By Arena parking lot)

Grade 2, 3, & 4 - Main Entrance

Grade 5, & 6 - West Entrance

Entrances will be unlocked at 8:25. We ask that students not arrive before this time.

We are asking that parents and guardians remain in their vehicles in the parking area. For safety reasons we ask that parents and guardians please not double park in parking lot.

Staff will supervise students as they enter and exit the building.

Any parents or guardians seeking to enter the school will be required to complete the COVID-19 Screening Questionnaire and wait in the marked, distanced areas until designated staff provide direction. Parents entering the school will be asked to sanitize their hands and wear a mask.

Self Screening

Parents and guardians should be using the Covid-19 Self Screening Questionnaire daily to assess their child. Student's displaying symptoms of illness must not be sent to school.

Students with pre-existing symptoms should be tested once to establish a baseline. One of the critical strategies is testing in order to determine if self-isolation needs to continue. Should anyone answer "Yes" to any of the Self-Screening Questionnaire questions, you are prohibited from entering the school. You must stay at home. Please use the COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool to determine whether to be tested for COVID-19. If you are tested and cleared to return, it is reasonable for you to provide test confirmation prior to returning back to school.

Pre Existing Conditions

It is important that parents/guardians establish a clear baseline for what being healthy looks like. In the case of a child(ren) with pre-existing conditions, we encourage parents/guardians to have a COVID-19 test conducted prior to returning to school. In this way, it will help establish that baseline for a child(ren) with pre-existing conditions. Parents/Guardians should notify the school of any pre-existing condition and its symptoms. Should a child(ren) develop symptoms that are

outside of those previously established, the child(ren) should have a COVID-19 test prior to returning to the school site.

Supervision of Bus Arrival/Dismissal

Each bus will have a mandatory seating plan. When getting onto the bus students will move to the back and sit in the furthest back seat available. When exiting the bus, students will unload front to back. Families will be seated together and for students in Grades 4 - 12 masks must be worn on the bus.

A supervisor will be available outside when the busses arrive to ensure safety and distancing. Only one bus will unload at a time to ensure students are socially distanced.

Students will be dismissed at staggered times to ensure physical distancing in hallways and while loading the busses. Please see schedule below:

Bus Dismissal Times

Time	Grades
3:11	Grades 1 & 6
3:14	Grades 2 & 5
3:17	Grades 3 & 4

Cohorts

Students will spend the day with their home room peer group as often as possible. Teachers will be moving from class to class when teaching different classes rather than students moving to different rooms as much as possible.

Masks

The present guidance from the Chief Medical Officer indicates that staff and students in grades 4-12 will be mandated to wear masks. Although not mandated for Kindergarten to Grade 3, the use of masks is recommended to help reduce the potential for transmission and exposure.

All staff and students from grades 4 to 6 will be provided with two (2) reusable face masks. Students from ECS to Grade 3 will be given masks upon request. Student masks will be available and dispersed on the first day of school.

Masks can be removed in classrooms when students are seated and physical distancing can be maintained. Masks must be worn when the 2 m cannot be obtained and in shared areas like hallways, bathrooms, buses, etc.

Masks do not have to be worn during outside recess and Phys. Ed when students are participating in high intensity physical activity and/or physical distancing guidelines are maintained.

Mask exemptions must be approved by the Superintendent of Schools.

Students / Staff - illness on site

Students who become ill during the day will be isolated in a separate space. They will be supervised and monitored by a staff member. The child's parents or guardians will be contacted for immediate pick-up. Students who have exhibited signs of illness while at school will be required to remain in quarantine. Quarantine periods can be from 10-14 days. Staff who become ill must notify their supervisor and immediately self-isolate by going home. Staff who have exhibited signs of illness will be required to remain in quarantine at home for a period of 10-14 days or provide evidence of a negative COVID-19 test in accordance with AHS isolation protocols.

Recess

Dismissal for recesses and entry after recess will be staggered by teachers to reduce the volume of students in hallways. Classes will have assigned zones on the playground on a rotational schedule. Masks will not have to be worn..

Food in School

Elk Point Elementary School will continue to provide morning and snack food services to all students in accordance with all Alberta Health Services regulations. These may include but are not limited to individually packaged utensils, disposable dishes and individually served snacks.

The Hot Lunch Program and milk sales will be discontinued at this time.

Lunch and snack times

Classes will be eating in their homerooms. Students will remain in their assigned seats and social distance where possible.

Change rooms/locker rooms

Change rooms will not be used at this time.

Lockers

To ensure distancing in the hallways, lockers will be numbered in groups of 5 and each student in a class will be assigned a locker labeled from 1 to 5. To ensure distancing students will be sent to lockers in their numbered cohorts.

1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3
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Boot Rooms

Students will be asked to remove outdoor footwear upon entry. Supervisors and teachers will ensure distancing and capacity while students are taking off and putting on their outside footwear.

Desks/Tables

Students will be physically distanced as much as possible. Students will be sitting in a designated seating plan with one student seated per desk or table as often as possible.

Shared School Technology

Sometimes it will be required for students to use computers, laptops, tablets, etc. Any technology that is shared between classes or students will be disinfected before and after each use. 1-1 computers will be assigned as often as possible. If technology is needed for at-home learning, EPE may be able to loan a limited number of laptops to families.

Shared materials

As much as possible items and materials will not be shared. When this is not possible proper hand sanitization and cleaning of items will be expected.

Special Events

At this time in-person special events such as performances, book fairs, guest speakers, school dances, meet the teacher, and group fundraisers are prohibited.

School Council Meetings

School Council will be conducted in an online environment. Notice will be given via email and will be posted on the school's facebook page.