



## Do you have questions about Edmonton Public Schools?

Edmonton Public Schools is the second largest school district in Alberta, with about 80,000 students at over 200 schools and education sites. Our District believes that all students can succeed in school and in life, regardless of their personal situations. Our staff works in co-operation with parents, families, community members and other partners to help every student build a bright future.

**Please turn over for helpful contact information for students and their families who are new to Canada and have limited English and school experience.**

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Strengthening  
community



# Contact Information:

## The Transition Program

Edmonton Public Schools is working with community partners to offer a program to support students and their families who are new to Canada and have limited English and school experience.

The program, which is located at two locations, Balwin School and McCauley, offers the following supports:

- intensive English Language Learning instruction and orientation for students
- after school and summer mentorship and enrichment programming for students
- family strengthening support which includes ESL instruction and parent support
- intercultural early learning program

For referral information to the Transition Centre at McCauley, contact Cassandra Gillingham at 780-424-4121. For referral information to the Transition Centre at Balwin, contact the school at 780-475-3646.

For general information about the Transition Program, contact Rosalind Smith by phone at 780-429-8120 or by email at [Rosalind.Smith@epsb.ca](mailto:Rosalind.Smith@epsb.ca).

## English Language Learner Needs

Families and children new to Edmonton Public Schools can access support through the District's **English Language Support Services Centre (ELSSC)**. The ELSSC provides families with:

- orientation information and support;
- first language support and cross-cultural support;
- liaison support between school and home;
- information about settlement and community supports;
- support for parents on how they can help support their children with learning;
- identifying the stage that their children are at in their English language learning; and
- identifying what kinds of English as a second language programming support will help their children succeed in school.

For information about ELSSC, contact Linda Siu by phone at 780-441-2207 or by email at [Linda.Siu@epsb.ca](mailto:Linda.Siu@epsb.ca).

## General District Information

780-429-8000  
[www.epsb.ca](http://www.epsb.ca)

## Find your Neighbourhood School

780-429-8000  
[www.epsb.ca](http://www.epsb.ca) and click on Schools on the left hand side.

## Alternative Programs (languages, arts, etc.)

780-429-8580

## Student Transportation (bussing)

780-429-8585  
<http://transportation.epsb.net>

## Special Education Needs Programming

Your child's school is your first point of contact for special education needs information, support or advice. Contact the principal for an appointment to discuss your child's needs. General information can be found by calling: 780-429-8050

## Partners in Education Program

For information contact Janice Bell by phone at 780-429-8279, by email at [Janice.Bell@epsb.ca](mailto:Janice.Bell@epsb.ca), or online at [www.epsb.ca](http://www.epsb.ca) and click on Families and Community on the left hand side.