

What do parents need to know about how schools operate?

If you would like to know more about the operation of a school, please consider the suggestions below and contact the school your child is attending for further information.

When you visit the school, please advise the school that you would like translation support. Arrangements can be made to have a multilingual consultant, cultural broker or settlement practitioner available.

Suggestions

- Visit the school and obtain a copy of the school handbook or information about:
 - arrival and dismissal times for students;
 - the process for reporting when your child is late or absent;
 - times for recess and lunch;
 - holidays and professional development days during the year;
 - expectations for homework;
 - supplies needed for school; and
 - involvement in your child's learning and in the school.
- Ask for a tour of the school.
- Meet your child's teacher, the school administrative assistant and the principal.

Resources

School calendars and handbooks are available at your school. Translated information about schooling from Settlement.Org, which also applies to all schools in Alberta, is available online at: <http://www.settlement.org/site/ED/GUIDE/>.

For information about:

- a specific school, contact the school directly or look at the District's website at www.epsb.ca.
- supports and programs for children and families, as well as assessment of English Language Learners, contact the English Language Support Services Centre at 780-441-2200.
- programs in the District and supports in the community, contact the Programs unit at 780-970-5216.

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