

2020-21

OUT-OF-SCHOOL LEARNING

Support for Families

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) is committed to providing families with options for students to continue to learn while remaining safe. This document provides important information for families to ensure success in out-of-school learning during the 2020-21 school year. Out-of-school learning does not mirror in-school learning. However, the goal is to facilitate continuity of learning for students who shift between in-school and out-of-school by aligning out-of-school learning to subject matter taught in the classroom, where possible.

THINGS TO KNOW

Students who choose out-of-school learning will remain enrolled at the school where they registered for 2020-21, and families will continue to receive information from their school. This remains the school of enrolment for the student throughout the 2020-21 school year.

COURSES

Out-of-school learning ensures students achieve core competencies and essential learning outcomes for continuity to the next grade level. Courses offered include core subjects, and a limited offering of high school complementary courses.

Grades 7-12 and 10-12 schools in EIPS are running in-school classes on a four-quarter system. However, students registered in grades 7-9 at a junior-senior high school—Ardrossan Junior Senior High, Lamont High, Strathcona Christian Academy Secondary or Vegreville Composite High—participating in out-of-school learning will have courses timetabled over the full year rather than four quarters. If these students switch from out-of-school learning to in-school learning or vice versa at any point during the school year, school staff will work closely with the student to support the transition.

INSTRUCTION

Out-of-school learning is directed by teachers and supported by parents. Families and students will access learning materials from the Brightspace learning platform that students complete independently, whenever possible.

Kindergarten to Grade 9:

Learning using Brightspace materials will be the responsibility of families and students to complete throughout the day. Out-of-school teachers will prepare and upload learning packages to the Brightspace platform and are responsible for student assessment. Out-of-school teachers will be available at specific times of the day (see schedule below) for online real-time instructional support. The out-of-school teacher is the main point of contact if parents or students have questions throughout the year.

Grades 10 to 12:

It is the responsibility of students to complete learning tasks and assignments provided in Brightspace. At the beginning of each quarter, out-of-school learners are assigned an out-of-school teacher for each course who will be the main point of contact for any questions and who will assess student work. Note: The out-of-school teacher is not a teacher at the school where the student is enrolled; they are based out of Next Step and support students at multiple schools across the Division.

K-9 SCHEDULE

Out-of-school learning follows the [2020-21 Division calendar](#). If in-school learners do not have classes on a particular day, out-of-school learners will not have scheduled instruction either. Scheduled lessons are intended for instructional purposes and are optional for students.

English and French Language Learners

Kindergarten to Grade 6

Start	End	Monday, Wednesday & Friday
8:45 a.m.	9:30 a.m.	Grade 3
9:45 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	Grade 4
10:45 a.m.	11:30 a.m.	Grade 1
11:45 a.m.	12:30 p.m.	Grade 2
1:00 p.m.	1:45 p.m.	Grade 5
2:00 p.m.	2:45 p.m.	Grade 6

Start	End	Tuesday & Thursday
9:00 a.m.	9:30 a.m.	Kindergarten

Grades 7 to 9

Monday & Wednesday				
Start	End	Grade 7	Grade 8	Grade 9
8:45 a.m.	9:15 a.m.	SOC		MATH
9:30 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	MATH	SOC	
10:15 a.m.	10:45 a.m.		MATH	SOC

Tuesday & Thursday				
Start	End	Grade 7	Grade 8	Grade 9
8:45 a.m.	9:15 a.m.	ELA	SCI	
9:30 a.m.	10:00 a.m.		ELA	SCI
10:15 a.m.	10:45 a.m.	SCI		ELA

French Language Learners

Additional French language development sessions

Kindergarten to Grade 6

Start	End	Tues & Thurs
1:00 p.m.	1:30 p.m.	Kindergarten - French

Start	End	Monday, Wednesday & Friday
8:45 a.m.	9:30 a.m.	Grade 1 - French
9:45 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	Grade 2 - French
10:45 a.m.	11:30 a.m.	Grade 5 - French
11:45 a.m.	12:30 p.m.	Grade 6 - French
1:00 p.m.	1:45 p.m.	Grade 3 - French
2:00 p.m.	2:45 p.m.	Grade 4 - French

Grades 7-9

Start	End	Monday & Wednesday
8:45 a.m.	9:15 a.m.	Grade 8 - French
9:30 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	Grade 9 - French
10:15 a.m.	10:45 a.m.	Grade 7 - French

TECHNOLOGY

Students require a computer, Chromebook or iPad that has access to the internet, as most lessons include online links. Some assignments include printable materials if families wish to do so. Students who do not have access to technology can make arrangements with the school of enrolment to access print packages.

CONTACTING TEACHERS

The teacher listed in the Brightspace platform is the assigned out-of-school teacher. Questions regarding out-of-school learning should be directed to the out-of-school teacher. They are available on school days from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. However, as each of these teachers support out-of-school learning for students from all schools across the Division, please be patient when waiting for a response. They will respond as soon as possible.

Contact information for assigned out-of-school teachers is available on the Brightspace platform. For kindergarten to Grade 9, out-of-school teacher contact information is also available through the [Staff Directory](#) on the [Out-of-School Learning, K-9 website](#).

ENTRY DATES

Students who choose out-of-school learning can switch to in-school learning at **specific points** throughout the year. Those who choose in-school learning can switch to out-of-school learning at any time throughout the year. The decision to change learning preferences is made in consultation with school administration at the school of enrolment.

Refer to the list of [School Entry-Exit Dates](#) for more information about when out-of-school learners can switch to in-school learning at your child's school.

NEED MORE HELP?

- **Instructional Support:** contact the out-of-school teacher
- **Technical Support:** contact the out-of-school teacher or visit [Brightspace Help](#)
- **Programming Support:** contact the school of enrolment

ALBERTA EDUCATION RESOURCES

- [LearnAlberta.ca](#)
- [My Child's Learning: A Parent Resource](#)
- [Alberta Education Online Learning Guide](#) (see pg. 10 for success tips)