



Eastview Middle School School Handbook 2025-2026

Welcome to Eastview Middle School!

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MISSION STATEMENT:

Inspiring P.R.I.D.E. through the pursuit of lifelong learning Prepared - Respect - Integrity - Determination - Excellence

***The information in this agenda is subject to change due to printing deadlines.

Please consult with the EVMS website &/or the Main Office for all current and up-to-date information.



Eastview Middle School Goals

1) Success in Literacy and Numeracy

We will provide 40 minutes of dedicated time daily to provide Literacy and Numeracy academic interventions.

- Read Naturally Live, Guided Reading, and Leveled literacy intervention will be a few of the tools used to support Literacy Interventions
- Ongoing tiered supports will be utilized to assist our numeracy intervention.
- Enrichment interventions will be offered in order to challenge high academic achievers. The focus will be on the development of critical thinking and creativity skills.
- Students who are not receiving a specific intervention will receive 40 minutes of Literacy class that focuses on outcomes from the Alberta Program of Studies.

2) Grade Level Collaboration

Our Collaborative Grade Teams will ensure strong universal teaching for all students.
 Common outcomes will be taught at the same time in core classrooms throughout the school year to ensure continuity of lesson delivery and learning.

3) Wellness

- Our school is dedicated to creating an environment that promotes physical, mental, and emotional well-being for all members of our community.
- Through a variety of programs, clubs, and activities, we encourage our students and staff to prioritize their well-being and cultivate a healthy lifestyle that will benefit them both now and in the future.

Message from the Principal Welcome to Eastview Middle School!

Dear Eagle Families,

I am so very grateful for the opportunity to lead and represent Eastview Middle School! As I enter my third year, I look forward to meeting you in person and building strong and positive partnerships that will not only build upon the long-standing traditions of EMS, but that will also support our students, our staff, and our families as we look toward the future. At EMS, "#EVPRIDE!" our motto embodies our school community as a whole, as Eastview is made up of a diverse group of individuals from a variety of backgrounds who strive for excellence TOGETHER. Eastview is a school that is deeply rooted in tradition, yet we are always looking to the horizon as we prepare for the future. We are ALL committed to creating and maintaining an environment that is conducive to student learning, and one that empowers our students, our staff, our parents, and our community. It is only through a strong, shared commitment between parents, students, teachers, support staff, and administrators that our students can flourish and receive the quality education necessary for success in today's society. Together, we will create an environment that will allow our students to be nurtured, to grow, and to reach high levels of academic success. Together, we will foster a building culture that celebrates the hard work of our staff members and our students while emphasising the importance of self-care and mindfulness. Together, WE ARE EASTVIEW and we embody EVPRIDE!

Please be assured that we are taking great care to plan a safe and smooth start to the year for our students (and our families). Our school community is one of strength and resilience, and we will walk alongside one another throughout this journey. We are here for you and we will do this together. **#EVPRIDE**

Warmly, Mr. Darrin DeMale

Principal, EVMS

BELL SCHEDULE 2025-2026		
First Bell	8:30 (Doors open)	
Second Bell	8:45	
Block 1	8:58-9:45 - Grade 8 Options	
Block 2	9:47-10:27 (Intervention/Literacy/FSL)	
Nutrition Break	10:27-10:37	
Block 3	10:37-11:24 - Grade 6 Options	
Block 4	11:26-12:13 - Grade 6 Options	
Lunch Break	12:13-12:33 Eating- Grade 6 12:33-1:03 Outside Recess- Grade 6	
	12:13-12:43 Outside Recess- Grade 7/8 12:43-1:03 Eating- Grade 7/8	
Block 5	1:06-1:53 - Grade 7 Options	
Block 6	1:55-2:42- Grade 7 Options	
Block 7	2:44-3:31 - Grade 8 Options	

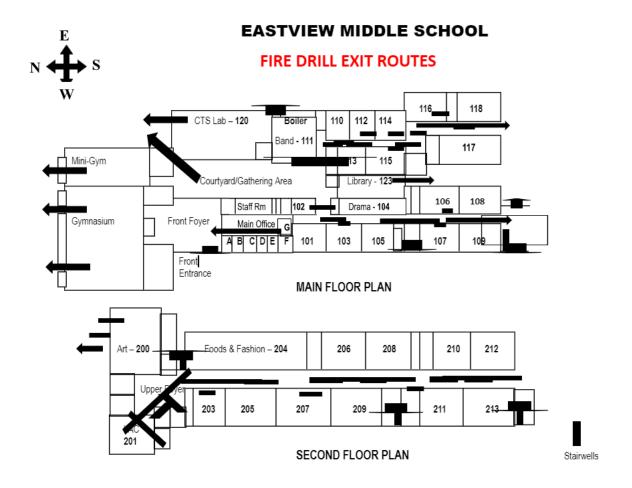
BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL HOURS

The school doors open at 8:30 am. Only those students under the direct supervision of a staff member are allowed early entry. Extracurricular activities, homework room, or band practice are examples of activities that permit early entry. Please do not drop your child off at school and have them wait an excessive time prior to entry.

Students are expected to leave the school premises immediately after school, unless they are under direct supervision of a teacher or watching a supervised activity in the gymnasium. The outside doors are locked at 4:00 p.m. Students still waiting to be picked up will have to wait outside.

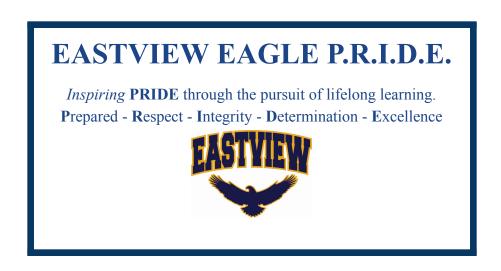


Eastview Middle School Floor Plan



Eastview P.R.I.D.E

We work hard to recognize positive student behavior through our P.R.I.D.E. character education program, which provides learning about appropriate behaviors and favorable character traits.



School Year 2025-2026

Important Dates

Term 1 Start: September 3, 2025	Term 1 Ends: November 28, 2025
Term 2 Start: December 1, 2025	Term 2 Ends: March 13, 2026
Term 3 Start: March 16, 2026	Term 3 Ends: June 17, 2026

For the most updated calendar information, please refer to our school website: eastview.rdpsd.ab.ca



Student Code of Conduct

In accordance with the provisions of the School Act and School Board Policy, students in Red Deer Public Schools are expected to:

- Demonstrate their commitment to maintaining a safe and caring school.
- Demonstrate desirable personal characteristics such as respect, responsibility, fairness, honesty, caring, loyalty and commitment to democratic ideals.
- Be diligent in pursuing their studies.
- Attend school regularly and punctually.
- Cooperate fully with everyone authorized by the Board to provide education programs and other services.
- Comply with the rules of the school.
- Account to their teachers for their conduct.
- Respect the rights of others.

In so doing, students are expected to promote and maintain a climate that is free of:

- Cheating
- Bullying / Harassment
- Illegal substances
- Intimidation
- Lying
- Obscene or profane language
- Prejudicial behaviour
- Theft
- Violence
- Weapons

Student conduct that violates the expectations listed above, or that adversely affects a school's climate or operation, including disruption of the learning environment, shall be considered a breach of the Code of Conduct, warranting appropriate forms of intervention that may include suspension or expulsion from a particular school, instructional program, school activity or transportation service.

Additional, Absolute No-No's

It is of critical importance that students not bring articles to school that may pose a safety risk or be offensive. The following is a list of a few items classified as contraband:

- Weapons (including all kinds of knives)
- Incendiary items (laser pointers, matches, lighters, firecrackers, etc.)
- Energy drinks and slurpees
- Toy guns or weapons (including pocket knives)
- Tobacco & Nicotine products
- Vaping devices and accessories





- Illicit drugs/alcohol/ paraphernalia
- Stolen goods
- Pornographic items or material

Students who vape, smoke or chew tobacco/nicotine in the school or on the school grounds are subject to a school suspension. Students who have drugs or alcohol in their possession or who are under the influence of drugs or alcohol in school or at a school related activity will be suspended. In all cases, the grade administrator will notify parents. Additionally, there may be an associated fine levied by a Red Deer City Bylaw officer.

Students must not bring these or similar items to school under any circumstances. If these items arrive at school, they will be confiscated, and consequences will be given. Possession of contraband items will result in suspension from school and possible recommendation for expulsion from Eastview Middle School.

Anti-Discrimination, Equity and Inclusion Policy

Eastview Middle School is a diverse public school. We believe in an inclusive school culture and environment that welcomes all students, regardless of their background (ie. place of birth, culture, religious beliefs, sexual orientation, gender expression, lived experience, etc.). This applies to all students, as well as staff. Our school is committed to maintaining a safe learning environment where all students and staff are free from discrimination. There is a **zero tolerance** expectation for acts or language that includes the following:

- Sexist acts or comments
- Targeted bullying
- Discriminatory acts or comments regarding physical or mental disabilities
- Anti-transgendered acts or comments
- Homophobic (anti-2SLGBTQ+) acts or comments (Board Policy 19)
- Racialized comments (slurs)
- Racist comments (derogatory statements about another culture or ethnicity)

We ask that students and staff report any and all acts of discrimination to school administration. Discriminatory acts will be referred to administration and consequences will be levied. These could include, but are not limited to, in-school and out-of-school suspensions.



Student Dress Code

The dress code at Eastview is meant to reflect that this is a place of learning, and it is intended to be gender inclusive. We recognize and respect the wide variance in taste and acceptability that is part of our society outside of the school, but within the school we feel that it is our responsibility to balance individual freedom with appropriate attire. A good rule of thumb regarding clothing is if you are not sure whether it would meet dress regulations, please do not wear it. Decisions on when the dress code has been violated are the sole discretion of the Eastview Middle School Administration. Students in violation of the following will be asked to change/cover up or arrange to have other clothing brought to school.

- Footwear must be worn.
- Hats can be worn
- Clothing must be appropriate for activities such as P.E.
- Undergarments must be covered.
- Shirts, shorts and pants must cover the body appropriately.
- No clothing with negative language, symbols, or inappropriate content such as alcohol, marijuana leaves, inappropriate cartoon characters, innuendos or obscene gestures.

Cold Weather: All students must have proper clothing for going outdoors in cold weather. We go out at activity time and there are many excursions during the day that require warm clothes.

This dress code applies to ALL school-sponsored events, including sports, field trips, dances, and on-site events.

Physical Education-Gym Wear

All students must bring and wear gym change for P.E. classes. Please bring clothes from home that are appropriate athletic wear and conform to our school dress code. These items should not have buttons, belts, snaps, ties etc, as this is a safety hazard. Athletic shoes must be worn that are capable of being tightly tied.

Some P.E. activities are held outdoors. Students must be prepared to go outside in the fall, winter and spring. Students are expected to have appropriate clothing for all weather and activities. Appropriate clothing in cold weather includes a coat, toque, gloves and boots (if necessary). Students will be advised of outdoor units and are expected to be prepared for class with appropriate clothing.

Gym lock: Students should buy one good quality lock (Dudley or Master) to be used for their Phys. Ed. Locker. This is very important as items go missing from the change rooms.

Attendance

Please call our attendance line which operates 24/7 at (403) 346-3246 or send an email directly to: evattendance@rdpsd.ab.ca. Please inform us if your child is going to be absent due to illness, vacation, medical appointments, etc. or *late* for any reason. You can leave an absence message days or weeks prior to the event. If we have not been notified, the school will place one computer generated phone call to the student's main number as listed in PowerSchool through an electronic



messaging system. If you believe you have received an automated message in error, please contact the main office as soon as possible so that we may address the issue.

When arriving late, students must go to the office to sign in.

If leaving the school students must sign out at the office and have parent/guardian permission. Parents/Guardians need to inform the school by phone (403) 343-2455 prior to your student leaving.

Noon - Closed Campus Policy

At 12:13 p.m. the grade 6 students get their lunches and go to their Home Room classes to eat while the grade 7/8 students have activity time. At 12:43 p.m. the grade 7/8 students come in for lunch while the grade 6 students have activity time. All students are to go outside unless it is announced that due to weather conditions it will be an "inside day". Eastview Middle School has a Closed Campus Policy. Students are expected to stay at school unless parent/guardian consent is given. If a student leaves our campus without permission then the administration will deal with the situation as defiance and a consequence will be given.

Late Policy and Procedures:

If a student arrives after the first class has started in the morning or afternoon, they are late and must report to the office. Lates are recorded as either excused or unexcused.

Students who are late for class will be recorded **absent** by the classroom teacher. If this is a repeated problem, attendance issues will be referred to the grade administrator.

Breakfast Program

Each morning, between 8:30am and 8:55am, a nutritional breakfast is provided in the gathering area for any student who needs access to breakfast. This program is facilitated by parent volunteers.

Bicycles, Skateboards and Wheeled Transportation:

Bicycles are not permitted in the school. Skateboards, rollerblades, scooters and heelies must be carried into the school and not used within the building. A bike rack is provided for students who ride to school. Students must provide their own lock and should securely lock their bikes on the rack (not permitted on fences, posts, etc.). Please ensure the lock is of the highest quality as, unfortunately, theft has occurred. The school is NOT responsible for lost/stolen items.

Lockers

- Are assigned to every student.
- Should not be shared only your own personal and academic items should be in your locker.
- Must be kept neat and clean. Regular cleanups will be scheduled, but a teacher may ask you to clean it at any time.
- Should be LOCKED at all times with a school provided lock.
- Backpacks are to be stored in lockers at all times. Backpacks are not permitted in the classroom.
- Damaging school property (your locker) is considered vandalism and will result in disciplinary action.



- If a lock is damaged or misplaced, students will be charged a fee of \$5.
- Students should not bring valuable items to school and should make sure portable devices are stored in their locker.

Students should be prepared for class and should take their materials for all of their classes until their next break.

School and Personal Property

The school cannot be held responsible for any lost, stolen or damaged items that the student brings to school. It is the responsibility of the student to keep anything they bring to school secure. Accidents happen and any damage to a student's personal property (clothing, cell phones, tablets, devices, backpacks, headphones, etc.) are not the responsibility of the school. At all times, the student is personally responsible for their own items.

Bus Rules

- Riding on a bus is a privilege not a right.
- In order for students to have a safe and pleasant ride on the bus, students must follow the Rules of Conduct. The bus is an extension of the classroom and school officials will deal with misconduct.
- Students may be suspended or expelled from riding the bus if they do not follow the Rules of Conduct.
- It is the primary responsibility of the driver to transport students safely to and from school. The drivers' attention must be on the road and traffic conditions and not on student behavior.
- Video cameras are used on buses for discipline and safety purposes only.

Below are some of the student's responsibilities:

- 1. Follow the directions of the driver.
- 2. Students who vandalize a bus will be held responsible for the cost of repairs and may lose their riding privileges.
- 3. Students are to remain seated while the bus is in motion and are not to extend any part of their body out of the windows.
- 4. No eating on the bus (including candy, pop, and gum).
- 5. Scuffling, fighting, harassment of other students, smoking, vaping, use of obscene language and throwing objects in and out of the bus are prohibited.
- 6. Conveyance, using or under the influence of alcohol or controlled substances prohibited.
- 7. The possession, use or transportation of potentially dangerous items are prohibited.

Dances

School dances are held on various occasions throughout the year and are open to those students currently registered and in good standing at Eastview Middle School. The school dress code is in effect for all dances. If a student is absent on the day of the dance they will not be permitted to attend. *No outside visitors are allowed.*



School Counsellor/ Family School Liaison Counselor

The school counsellor and Family School Liaison Counselor are available to all students; they offer assistance to students with school or personal difficulties.

Referrals can be made to the counsellor(s) by teachers and/or parents or a student may make a self-referral. The Eastview Website has a link "Request to See a Counsellor" and this is another method of self-referral to the counsellor. Please feel free to contact one of these professionals and provide information regarding your concern at any time. Information about careers and high school programs are also available.

- School Counsellor Mrs. Taylor (amber.taylor@rdpsd.ab.ca)
- Family School Liaison Counselor Mrs. Orellana (christy.orellana@rdpsd.ab.ca)

Telephones

A student phone is provided in the main office for local calls. Office telephones are not for general student use except in cases of illness or emergency and then only with the permission of the office staff. The office staff will only relay messages to students, which originate from parents/guardians.

Cell Phones

The Ministerial Order, provided by the Government of Alberta, states that the use of cell phones and other electronic devices in schools is prohibited. This order applies to not only cell phones, but all electronic devices including, but not limited to personal gaming devices, smart watches, and bluetooth capable headphones/earbuds.

All social media sites are inaccessible using the district network or a district device that is accessible to students. Social Media, generally refers to electronic access to and use of blogs, or social media platforms such as, but not limited to: Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, Twitter/X, Instant Messaging, and postings on video or picture-sharing sites and elsewhere on the Internet. Accessing these sites on students' own personal data will also be prohibited.

Students will only be permitted to use their personal devices in the morning before 1st block begins between 8:30 and 8:58 am, and during lunch activity/ lunch time between 12:13 and 1:03 pm each day. At all other times during the school day, student devices are not permitted in classrooms or any instructional areas and must be securely locked in the student's school provided lockers.



The consequences for inappropriate use of personal devices at school are as follows:

1st Offence: A staff member will confiscate the device and bring it to the main office, or keep it secure in their classroom. Parents will be notified by the staff who confiscated the device. Students will be able to pick up the device at the end of the class in which it was confiscated. The student must then put their device into their locker.

2nd Offence: A staff member will confiscate the device and bring it to the main office, and inform the grade level administrator. The student's parents or guardian will be contacted by the staff member who confiscated the device, and the student will have the device returned at the end of the day from the main office. Parents or guardians will be informed that subsequent offences will require parent pick up.

3rd Offence: A staff member will confiscate the device and bring it to the main office. Parents or guardians will be notified by their child's grade administrator and are required to pick up the device in person at the school office.

Subsequent Offences: All subsequent offences will be viewed as defiance. This will be dealt with within the regular cycle of discipline and may include loss of privileges, suspension or other consequences as determined by the grade administrator or principal. Parents will be required to pick up the device on the 3rd and subsequent offences.

Refusal by the student to relinquish their device to an adult will be treated as defiance and dealt with by an administrator accordingly.

Students needing to make urgent calls may use the student phone in the office. If parents or others need to contact students because of an emergency, they are welcome to call the school, and their child will be contacted immediately and brought out of class as required

Students requiring access to a cell phone, smart watch or other device for medical needs will be provided an exemption through the school administration. Medical documentation will be requested prior to the exemption being approved. Students who use assistive technology as part of their ISP will also be granted exemptions to this policy.

Email

Students may have access to a RDPSD email account if the school has received a Student Technology Expected Use Agreement form which has been signed by a parent.

Chromebooks

Students demonstrate ethical and responsible use of technology by:

- keeping their District login IDs and passwords confidential
- protecting their own personal devices with passwords
- ensuring the security and safety of their own electronic devices



- ensuring the security and safety of school owned electronic device
- using & managing devices in a lawful manner
- managing the content contained on their own personal electronic devices
- ensuring that they access acceptable materials for educational purposes
- respecting and abiding copyright laws (text, photos, music, video, etc.); and ensuring that their personal device does not disrupt the learning of others

Internet Use

Students should be aware that the use of the internet to damage another student's reputation, to threaten or harass, is illegal and contrary to the school policy. This includes internet use at home when it is referring to other students within the school district.

MISUSES THAT DISRUPT LEARNING AND/OR CONTRAVENES SCHOOL OR DISTRICT POLICY INCLUDE BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO:

- using audio and/or video devices to record others without permission
- using audio and/or video devices in inappropriate settings such as locker rooms and washrooms
- using an electronic device to intimidate, threaten and/or slander others; e.g., cyber-bullying
- using an electronic device to video a fight or other inappropriate acts
- sharing district IDs and passwords
- using devices during instructional time for non-instructional purposes such as making personal phone calls, text messaging or social networking
- using devices to cheat; e.g., assignments, tests, etc.
- downloading, viewing and/or sharing inappropriate and/or offensive content
- trying to bypass district security filtering systems
- posting /sending of pictures, videos or audio recordings taken at school on any social media or personal sites.



Library Learning Commons

In addition to classes scheduled by teachers, the library learning commons is available for group or individual use.



Students may have up to 2 library books on loan at a time. The normal loan period is two weeks. Students with materials that are lost, or damaged beyond reasonable wear will be accountable for the replacement or repair cost.

Eastview Middle School Grading Procedure

Please look at this document to have a better understanding of how grades are assessed at Eastview Middle School.



PowerSchool

Allows parents to monitor students' grades and attendance on an ongoing progress. This is the main form of communication regarding your child's academic progress and grades in each of their classes.

To enter PowerSchool, parents and students need to use the student's assigned computer Username and Password. Parents, if you require your child's username and password please contact the school.



Eagles Eyes

Students are encouraged to report any incidents of a troubling nature through Eagle Eyes. This can be done anonymously if they wish. The link is available on our website and on the student hub.

