



Eastview Middle School

Frequently Asked Questions

2022-2023

Hello Eagles!

Students, you are moving from an elementary school to a middle school and that will bring out mixed emotions in you: excitement, fear, curiosity... just to name a few! You are leaving familiar surroundings and taking a big step into a new school. Right now, you are not sure what lies ahead.

The following questions and concerns are from previous Grade 5 students regarding the transition to Middle School. Please take the time to read this information carefully. Then discuss the information with your parents, teachers and friends. We are sure you will find you are not alone in your feelings of excitement and uncertainty. We look forward to having you spend the afternoon with us and wish to welcome you to your new school!

OFFICE STAFF:

Here are all the people in our office:

Mr. Robertson - Principal & Grade 6 Administrator

Mrs. Deschenes - Vice Principal & Grade 7 Administrator

Ms. Merry - Vice Principal & Grade 8 Administrator

Mrs. Lyons - Reception

Mrs. Roberts - Student Registration/Report Cards/Attendance

Ms. Pell - Business Manager / Scheduling

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS: GRADE 6

1. **Do we go from room to room and rotate our classes?** In some cases this will occur, but generally you will rotate between your core team teachers. These classrooms are all located close to one another. Option classes will require you to move to special areas.
2. **How long are the classes?** There will be four (4) periods in the morning and two (2) periods in the afternoon (approximately 51 minutes). We have a 20 minute reading period every day after our lunch recess.
3. **What can we choose from for options?** Eastview Middle School has many great options and specialist programs. Grade 6 is about exploring these complementary courses. All grade 6 students will take the following mandatory courses: LA+ (this course meets the Alberta Ed requirement for Language Arts minutes of instruction for a Grade 6 student),

Physical Education and Health. Then, students will choose options courses from: Art, Band, Choral, Computer Science, Crafts, Creative Writing, Digital Design, Drama, Fashion Studies, Fashion Studies - Hand Sewing, Foods, French, History of Rock and Roll, Hockey Skills (2 term course - fees charged due to ice rentals through the City of Red Deer), Leadership, Rec. Ed., Sports Performance and Woodworking. Options will be organized in trimesters.

4. **Where do we go on the first day of school?** *Only **grade 6's** will be present on the first morning of school. (August 31st).* Grade 6 students will all go to their homeroom teachers' class on the first school day in the fall where you will meet your teachers and the other grade 6 students. **You need to be here by 8:56 AM on the first day.** There will be people to direct you, so you don't need to worry about getting lost. In the afternoon, all the Grade 7 and 8 students will arrive and go to their classes. Check the EVMS website to ensure you know when the first day of school is: eastview.rdpd.ab.ca
5. **What is it like having a locker?** Because you change classes during the day, you will keep your belongings in a locker rather than a desk. In the morning, you will take all your materials that you need for your first two classes with you. At nutrition break you can exchange your books for the next two classes. After lunch you pick up what you need for your afternoon classes.. You will get a lock with a combination. Your teacher will keep a record of combinations, so if you forget yours, please ask. Remember: **DO NOT SHARE** your locker or your lock combination with other students, not even your best friend. The lock for your locker belongs to the school and must stay on your locker in June. You do, however, need to buy one (1) combination lock to use during P.E. class in the locker room. These are to be purchased **outside** of the school. We are NOT RESPONSIBLE for items that go missing from the PE change room so you NEED to get in the habit in Grade 6 of locking up your clothes and belongings when you change for PE. **We do not sell locks in the office.**
6. **Are skateboards or rollerblades allowed in the school?** Skateboards and rollerblades may be brought to school, but they are only allowed to be used at the far south-west entrance to the school. Skateboards and rollerblades are not allowed to be ridden at the main entrance to the school or inside the school. **Helmets are mandatory for ALL skateboards, scooters, roller blades and bicycles being ridden on school property.** Students violating the helmet rule will have their "wheels" taken to the office for a parent to pick up. This is all about safety and helmet by-laws. Please make sure you have a bike lock to secure your bicycle during the day. We are not responsible for lost or stolen items.
7. **Do we have recess?** It is not like elementary school, however, there will be a seven (7) minute nutrition break in the morning. You are encouraged to bring a snack from home and eat it in the classroom. The other 'recess' is the noon recess, which is 30-minutes outside time after a 15 minute eating time.
8. **When does the year start and end?** The 2022-2023 School Year begins August 31, 2022 and ends June 29, 2023.
9. **What do we wear for Phys. Ed.?** All students must wear gym strip/phys ed clothing. You may bring your own shorts and t-shirt from home but it must meet school dress code

(short sleeved T-shirt with no collar/shorts should be stretch fabric with elastic waist, no snaps, buttons or pockets). You may also buy Eastview shorts (\$20) and/or t-shirts (\$15). Please ensure you take your PE clothing home REGULARLY for washing and bring it back/replace it with alternate appropriate PE gear. It is HIGHLY recommended you have an indoor pair of non-marking sole running shoes for PE.

10. **How should we dress for school?** EXPECTATIONS: It is expected that students dress in a style that is conducive to learning. The dress code applies to not only daily school routines, but ALL school-sponsored events, including sports, field trips, dances, and on- or off-campus events. Teachers and/or administration will make the final decision on whether a student's clothing is appropriate for a Middle School setting.

- Footwear must be worn.
- Undergarments should not be visible.
- Shirts must cover appropriately. Shorts and skirts must cover appropriately with typical movement

Students may **NOT** wear:

- ANY headwear inside the school (Eg. hats, toques, hoodies, etc.)
- Clothing with offensive or inappropriate wording or images
- Any gang related clothing or paraphernalia
- Dangerous or potentially dangerous jewelry, accessories or clothing (e.g. P.E., and C.T.S. activities)

Make sure you read the section in the Student Handbook which discusses this topic in greater detail. Dress expectations apply to both girls and boys.

11. **What are the teachers like?** They are terrific, awesome, great, fantastic, wonderful, incredible, outstanding, supportive, caring, amazing.... and so on and so forth!!! Many of our teachers have been teaching Middle School for a LOT of years and know how to work with students at this stage of their development. You will LOVE our teachers!
12. **How many teachers and students are there at Eastview?** For September, 2022 we anticipate about 600 students, and 25 teachers.
13. **What do I do if I have another student picking on me?** We want ALL students to feel safe and comfortable at Eastview. Inappropriate behaviour, bullying or intimidating students is not tolerated at our school. Don't be afraid to talk to an adult if you have any concerns. You are not a tattletale if you report another student who is making you uncomfortable. Tell your teacher, tell a counsellor, tell your grade administrator, tell an ADULT in the building and we will help you! We also have the Eagle Eyes reporting form. We will explain this in more detail when you get here, but it is an anonymous method for you to report anything that you think is inappropriate.

OPTIONAL ACTIVITY PROGRAMS

14. **Is there any fun stuff to do at Eastview?** You bet! The more you become involved with extracurricular activities at school, the more fun you will have throughout your middle school years! The following is a list of some of the activities that currently exist at our school. There may be some additions or deletions next fall, so be sure to

keep your eyes and ears open! Prior to school, during noon hours, and after school, a number of activities take place:

- Jazz Band
- Inter-school Activities (volleyball, basketball, badminton, handball,, running club, etc.)
- Spirit Days & Pep Rallies
- Dances
- Clubs - Cross Country Skiing, Downhill Ski & Board Club, Running Club, Girls Group, Skateboard, Wrestling, Pokemon, Coding, Young Writers, D & D, etc.

15. **Can we join school clubs?** Yes, the more you get involved in the activities the school has to offer, the more you will enjoy yourself.
16. **Can we try out for school teams?** All interested Grade 6 students are eligible to try-out for school teams. There are no cuts on the junior teams and there is equal playing time for all students. The senior teams are generally made up of *mostly* Grade 7 & 8 students. Make sure you listen to the announcements for practice times (again, if you're not sure if there is a practice before school (7:30 am) or after school, just go to the Announcements Link or the calendar on the Eastview website and you should be quickly informed). Join a team and have fun!!
17. **School Dances** - What type of music is there? (Current Student Music - all approved) May we volunteer to help? (Yes! Dances don't run without parent help. You just need a current [Volunteer Package](#) on file with the school) How many dances per year? (Depends : 1-2 usually) What is the cost? (\$2 - \$5 per Dance) Dances are the responsibility of School Council, subject to administrative approval. We always must have parent volunteers to supervise the dances, so encourage mom or dad to come as well. No siblings or friends are allowed to come to dances and all chaperones must be over 25 years old.
18. **Can we attend school dances?** Yes, at the discretion of your parents you may attend the school dances. Remember, dress code still applies! We CANNOT run school dances without parent supervision, so parents are strongly encouraged to volunteer to help supervise. In order for parents to supervise, this means they are placed in a "volunteer" role and need to fill out the required paperwork ([volunteer package](#)). Parents who volunteered at their child's elementary school may have to re-apply, as by law, the approval only lasts 5 years. This volunteer package requires a criminal record check (minimal cost). Please see the Main Office at Eastview to pick up a volunteer package so your parent can volunteer for various events and activities over your three years at EVMS.
19. **Is there extra help for Grade 6's?** Yes, we have educational assistants who work with Gr. 6 students who need extra help. Students may be selected to work in small group tutorials to get extra help with core subjects. As well, we have a Learning Assistance Centre where students from all grades can access help from our LAC teacher. Mrs. Paquin is our Learning Assistance Teacher.

20. **Is it OK if you're late for class if you're new?** For the first couple of days as you rotate through the timetable, teachers will understand if there is some confusion. It won't take more than a few days to get your bearings. After that, you are expected to be in your class, ready to go, with all your appropriate books, binders & supplies when class begins. Check your agenda for the late policy and consequences.
21. **What happens if you are late for school?** If you are late, you need to check-in to the office when you arrive. Regular attendance is crucial to learning - please ensure you maintain a solid pattern of regular attendance and your academic success will soar!
22. **What do you do if you have to leave early for an appointment?** Parents MUST notify the main office if a child will be leaving during the day. This can be done by phoning the office or sending a note. Students will not be allowed to leave unless the office staff has heard from a legal parent or guardian. Again, refer to the appropriate page in your Agenda for more information. If your student needs to leave during the day, **they can only be signed out by a parent or an adult that is listed in the student's emergency contacts.** It is the parent's responsibility to ensure their child is picked up by a responsible adult listed on their emergency contact list and that the child makes it home safely.
23. **How often do we get report cards?** Report cards are issued three times per year, once at the end of each trimester. Students/parents can log into Power School at any time to determine where the student stands in their class(es). All students have a PowerSchool account, but parents MUST create their own account through the PowerSchool portal. Instructions to do this are on the EVMS website. Students and parents can log into PowerSchool at any time to stay on top of their marks.
24. **Can we leave Eastview at lunch time?** Eastview is a **CLOSED CAMPUS**. This means, students stay for lunch and are **not** permitted to go off the school grounds - because our break is only 45 minutes and there is not time for most students to go home, eat and get back to school on time. Students cannot leave for lunch unless parents come to the school to sign them out or write a daily note. Students are not allowed to go to the Eastview Plaza during the lunch break **EVEN IF A PARENT PROVIDES A NOTE!** There is no supervision at the shopping complex, and the businesses there have asked that without appropriate supervision, they do not want students over there during the day. For these reasons, among others, we operate a closed campus.

MISCELLANEOUS QUESTIONS

25. **Do we need to have both indoor and outdoor shoes?** No. You can wear the same shoes indoors and out. You will need non-scuff runners for P.E.
26. **Do we buy our school supplies at school?** No. A supply list of what you will need to purchase will be included in your registration package. This list is also on our website.

27. **If we're absent, do our parents phone in and notify the office?** Yes, parents are asked to contact our **Attendance Line (403-346-3246)**, or email the **Attendance Mailbox: evattendance@rdpsd.ab.ca** - otherwise they will receive an automated phone call asking why you are not at school. It is always a good idea to let your teacher know if you will be away, however, please remember to have your parents **always call or email the attendance line**. Students are NOT allowed to phone in their own absence. The Attendance Line and the email are available 24 hours a day so you can call or email even if the absence(s) are several days away.
28. **What happens if you don't do your homework or forget it?** All homework is expected to be done, or students will be given an opportunity to solve their homework problem after school. When you don't come prepared for class, you are not able to start off the day in a positive manner. It is the STUDENT'S responsibility to ask for and complete homework if they are absent.
29. **How early can you be at school and how late can you stay after school?** You may enter the school at the 8:40 am bell. Please dress appropriately if you are dropped off at the school prior to 8:40 am - there is no supervision until 8:40 am (unless you are involved in Band or an athletic team with a morning practice), so do not expect entrance to the school until 8:40 am. If it is minus 20 (including the windchill) students will be allowed to stand in the foyer in the mornings. Unless you are involved in a supervised school activity, you are expected to leave the school right after the afternoon dismissal bell. *You are not expected to stay after school unless you are under the direct supervision of a teacher and your parent has been contacted.*

GUIDANCE COUNSELLORS

30. **Are there school counsellors at Middle School?** Yes! The school counselor, Mrs. Gomes, will visit your classrooms in the fall to inform you of the services she can offer to you. She is a GREAT person to get to know. We also have a Community Liaison Worker (CLW) - Ms. Crosbie - she too is AWESOME!! Along with your core teachers, your option teachers, the EA's that you might work with, your grade administrator and the office staff, you are lucky to have **so** many people you can turn to if you need anything!

See you soon!

In closing, middle school is many things. Mostly it is what you make it. We hope you will take advantage of all that awaits . . . academics, athletics, clubs, the arts, intramurals, dances, new friendships, and new opportunities for learning . . . the list goes on.

Remember, in order to make this experience a positive one, you have to:

GET INVOLVED!!!

Have a great Grade 5 year-end, a fantastic summer and see you in September!!

Eastview is a school in which learning is made possible for EVERY student!

Eastview's caring staff and wonderful students make it a positive learning atmosphere and a great place to be.

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