



## **SCHOOL OPERATIONS: COVID UPDATES - October, 2021**

Updates and additions were made throughout the [EIPS Operations Guidelines: 2021-22](#) to reflect the province's current state of public-health emergency and related public-health orders. We encourage everyone to read through the updated operations guidelines, and reference the document, on an ongoing basis.

### **ELEMENTARY EATING/LUNCH EXPECTATIONS**

- Students will continue to eat lunch in their designated classrooms.
- Students will eat their snacks indoors during a time around the recess break.
- Staff and students will not eat in the hallways or outside during morning recess breaks.

### **JUNIOR HIGH EATING/LUNCH EXPECTATIONS**

- Students will continue to eat lunch in their designated classrooms.
- Teachers will allow students to have a morning snack in periods 2 or 3.
- Masks are mandatory in the hallways and common areas. Students and staff will eat food in designated classrooms or areas.

### **ENTERING AND EXITING THE SCHOOL**

- Kindergarten - Grade 9 students will be required to use their designated door when entering and exiting the building.
- All students will line up at their designated entrance in their cohort/class before school. Elementary students will also line up following recess and lunch breaks. Junior High students who leave the school at lunch can return through their designated door without lining up.
- Staff will greet students at their assigned door and stagger student entry into the school.
- To prevent congestion and allow social distancing we will stagger the junior high dismissal times.

### **JUNIOR HIGH DISMISSAL TIMES**

**Grade 8: 2:51 p.m.**

**Grade 7: 2:53 p.m.**

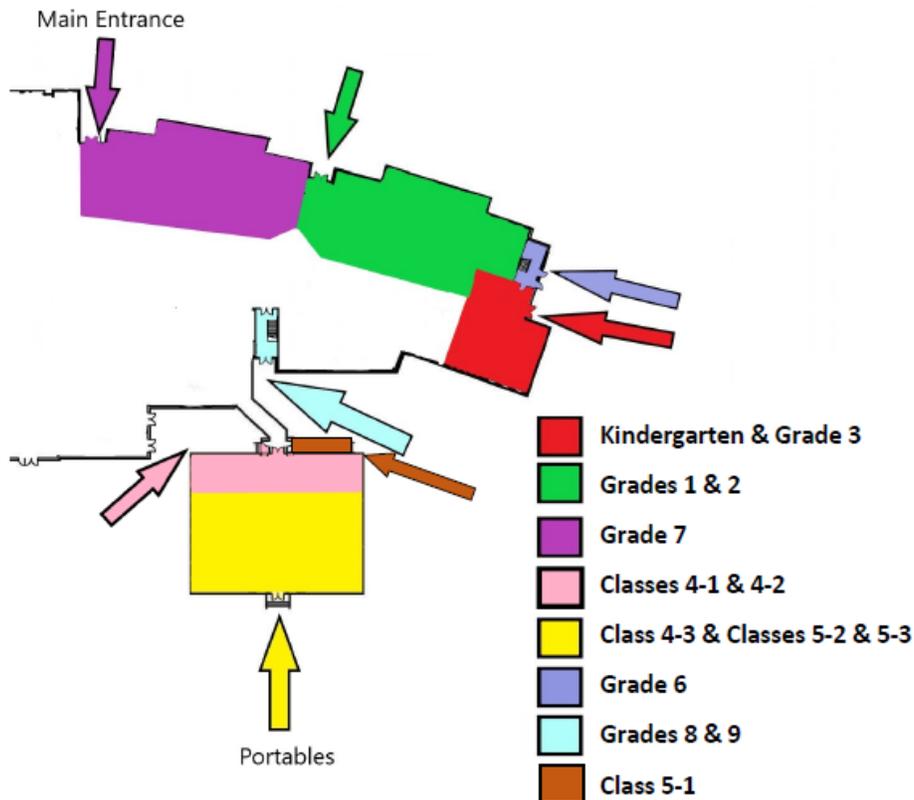
**Grade 9: 2:55 p.m.**

### **DESIGNATED ENTRANCES AND EXITS**

- **Kindergarten** (Mrs. Biermann) and **Grade 3** (Mrs. Deatcher & Mr. Mackney): East entrance located near the kindergarten room.
- **Grade 1** (Mrs. Cohn & Ms. Sheridan) and **Grade 2** (Mrs. Beecroft & Mrs. Wlos): Northeast entrance near the gathering area.
- **Grade 7**: Main entrance near the office.

- **Classes 4-1 & 4-2** (Mrs. Travis & Miss Kowalchuk): Portable entrance between portables and gym.
- **Class 5-1** (Mrs. Brownlee): Portable ramp entrance.
- **Class 4-3** (Mr. Baker) **and Classes 5-2 & 5-3** (Mrs. Cutforth & Mrs. Verbitsky): South entrance of the portables.
- **Grade 6** (Ms. Breen, Mr. Helwig, Mrs. Kokotailo): East entrance, doors next to the kindergarten entrance.
- **Grade 8 and 9**: South entrance near the junior high staircase.

**Lakeland Ridge School: Entrance and Exit Map 2021-22**



### ENHANCED CLEANING AND HYGIENE

- Sanitizing hands when entering the school, entering and leaving classrooms and when using shared materials will continue to occur.
- Elementary desks will be cleaned before and after eating.
- Junior high desks will be cleaned between each class.
- Shared-use materials will be reduced. When required, students will sanitize hands before and after.

### DAILY SCREENING

- All families are reminded to monitor their child for any signs or symptoms of COVID-19 by completing the province's [Alberta Health Daily Checklist](#) every day before attending school or boarding an EIPS bus. If they answer "YES" to any checklist question, follow its instructions and use Alberta Health Services' [self-assessment tool](#) to determine next steps.

- Anyone who tests positive for COVID-19 is asked to notify the school to ensure all public-health measures are followed.

### **MASK USE**

- Masks remain mandatory for students (Kindergarten to Grade 12), staff, contractors and visitors in all EIPS-buildings and buses, unless exempt.
- De-masking is permitted when eating and drinking, during physical activity and outside.

### **REPORTING ABSENCES**

- EIPS asks families to inform the school of student illness and the child's symptoms. Doing so allows the school to monitor and report illness trends accurately to Alberta Health Services (AHS) and Alberta Education.
- **COVID-19 CASES: Household Close Contacts:** AHS strongly recommends, anyone who is a household contact of a confirmed COVID-19 case—in the last 14 days—to monitor for symptoms, follow public-health restrictions and take additional precautions. As well, anyone not fully vaccinated who is a household contact of a COVID-19 case should stay home and not attend school, work or other activities for 14 days from the last day of exposure.

### **ILLNESS OUTBREAKS**

- While AHS no longer reports individual COVID-19 cases to EIPS, the Division advises AHS and Alberta Education when there's an illness absentee rate of 10 per cent or more. AHS then investigates and determines next steps. If an outbreak is declared, the school often adds temporary public-health measures to manage and control the outbreak.