

Graduation and Beyond

**Information for Graduating Students
and Parents/Guardians**

GRAD 2017

Ms. Nam – Principal

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Eligibility Policy:

Students are eligible to participate in the Ardrossan High School Graduation Exercises provided they meet the criteria for the Alberta Education High School Diploma by the end of April.

Students who fail to meet the criteria for the High School Diploma after the deadline will have their eligibility for participation in the Senior Class Exercises reviewed by school administration.

Communication Process:

1. Counselors meet with individual students who are at risk and follow-up with a letter to parents/guardians.
2. The first Grad list is compiled in November.
3. Grade 12's and parents attend an information meeting at the fall Parent-Teacher-Student interviews.
4. Students complete and check course mark inquiries and note any inaccuracies /discrepancies.
5. Accuracy of student status is checked and the Grad list is updated after first semester marks.
6. The Grad list will be updated again in spring. Students must be on track to pass all courses.
7. The final grad list will be updated before ticket sales draw in late May.

Graduation Eligibility:

1. Students must earn a minimum of 100 credits including the following:
 - English 30-1 or 30-2
 - Social Studies 30-1 or 30-2
 - 10 30-level credits other than English and Social Studies
 - Math at the grades 10 and 11 levels (10 credits)
 - Science at the grades 10 and 11 levels (10 credits)
 - CALM (3 credits)
 - Physical Education 10 (3 credits)
 - 10 credits in CTS, Fine Arts, Second Languages, Phys. Ed. 20 or 30, K&E, RAP
2. Grade 12 student must carry a minimum of 15 credits per semester.
3. Students enrolled in Distance Learning, NextStep Outreach or CTS courses must complete 75% of their coursework by end of April.
3. All school fees must be paid.

Valedictorian

The grade 12 student with the highest school-awarded average on May 15th, 2017 in the following subjects will be chosen as valedictorian:

1. English 30-1
2. At least three of the following:
 - Math 30-1
 - Mathematics 31
 - Biology 30
 - Chemistry 30
 - Physics 30
 - Science 30
 - Social Studies 30-1
 - French Language Arts 30-1
3. Any one course with a minimum five credit value at the Grade 12 level (3000 or 6000 series) including those listed above and combined advanced CTS courses.



ARDROSSAN HIGH SCHOOL

GRADUATION 2017

1. Banquet, Graduation Exercises and Dance

Time & Place:

Thursday, June 29th at Millennium Place, Sherwood Park

4:30 p.m. – Refreshments

5:00 p.m. – Banquet

7:00 p.m. – Graduation Exercises

9:00 p.m. – Dance

Elk Island Public Schools Policy Admin Procedure 145 states:

1. Alcohol shall not be served or consumed in any EIPS facility or at any EIPS function when students/children are involved or on the premises.
2. Alcohol shall not be consumed or used in any manner at any school sponsored graduation ceremony or activity.

Dress:

While the evening may inspire formal dress, it is not necessary to have a floor length formal gown or tuxedo. A dinner dress, suit or slacks are appropriate.

Tickets:

Tickets will go on sale in early June. There will be a limit as to the number of tickets that may be purchased due to size and safety restrictions at Millennium Place. Limit to be determined. Students will participate in a lottery towards the end of May to eliminate line-ups and determine which day grads come to do their table selection and purchasing tickets.

Each person who is planning to attend the banquet, including the graduating student, must purchase a ticket. All school fees and the grad fee must also be paid prior to purchasing tickets.

Costs

There is a \$60 (including GST) grad fee (collected with school fees). There is no fundraising for grad and the fee does not cover admission to the banquet and dance. The fee covers only the following:-

- Caps and Gowns
- Invitations, mail-outs
- Grad Mementoes Package (Composite, Folders)
- Printing and Paper costs
- Grad slide show.

The grad ticket cost will be approximately \$75 per person and is on a cost recovery basis. Each person attending the banquet, including the graduating student must purchase a ticket. The ticket price includes the following:-

- Catering
- Facility rental
- Tablecloths
- Decorations
- Ticket Printing
- Dance
- Sound systems, audio visual and lighting equipment
- Set up, take down and cleaning.

There is also limited seating available for guests who cannot attend the dinner for approximately \$25 per ticket. These will be sold at the time of the banquet tickets and up to a few days before graduation.

If you wish to pay for graduation tickets by credit or debit card, you must do so through the Parent Portal on PowerSchool. Please log on to your account and add the optional grad tickets to your cart and pay online. This option will be available in late May. This will allow you may pre-purchase your tickets prior to selection of your table. Cash or cheques, payable to AJSH, may be brought to the school office. Post-dated cheques will not be accepted.

2. Photos:

Grad photos have been booked for February 21 – 24th, & 27th, 2017. Retakes are scheduled for Monday and Tuesday, March 20th and 21st, 2017. Grad photo appointment bookings must be made online at www.iconexp.com.

Bookings can only be made after the Christmas break. At this time you will be go to the “BOOK NOW” tab at top of page to make your booking. You will then “Select the Event: Icon Studio Portraits”. Then “Select Service : Ardrossan Jr/Sr High Studio Grad Portraits (20 mins)” and select a date. For more information go to ICON’s “How to Order Grad Portraits” documents. ICON’s telephone number is 780-449-3558.



3. Graduation Rings

Graduation rings have changed! Tell your story this year with new styles, new stones, new metal finishes and the all new Class Tags. Go online at www.jostens.com to see all of the new offerings for this year. Brochure will also be available in the office. The Jostens Ring Man will be here to help you place your order on: Wednesday, November 30th and Thursday, December 1st from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm in Grad Hall. Please remember to bring \$60.00 deposit.

4. Grad Ski Trip

This event is not a school function. There can be no meetings or notices regarding this event in the school. The student pick-up location must not be on Elk Island Public School Property.

5. Safe Grad

This event is planned by parents and is not a school function. There can be no meetings or notices regarding this event in the school. The student pick-up location must not be on Elk Island Public School Property.

6. Pranks

Students should be aware that any uncooperative behavior and late year pranks will result in removal from the graduation banquet and ceremonies.

If you have any question please do not hesitate to contact the school at 780-922-2228.





A General Guide for Post-Secondary Planning

From the Student Services Department

Mrs. Tamia Richardson

Mr. Kevin MacKinnon

This handout is intended as a general guideline and will, by no means, provide all the answers to the questions you have about post-secondary education. We encourage each of you to come to our lunch hour sessions and to make an appointment with one of the counsellors to deal with your own special situation. We also encourage you to make use of the material that is available in Student Services. Most application forms for admission and scholarships are available through the Internet.

Watch the bulletin boards in the Student Services area, check the daily announcements, the monthly bulletin and the school's web site for important information regarding admission deadlines, scholarships, new programs, and other information related to post-secondary education.

WEB RESOURCES FOR PLANNING POST SECONDARY LEARNING

The **ALIS** (Alberta Learning Information Services) website is an excellent source of information for planning beyond high school. Some of the valuable parts of ALIS include the following:

- The ALIS home page: www.alis.alberta.ca
- Learning Clicks: <http://learningclicks.alberta.ca/>
- OCCINFO pages (www.alis.alberta.ca/occinfo): OCCINFO contain hundreds of Occupation Profiles that provide information on many of the occupations in Alberta. The Profiles include information on personal characteristics, after high school training and wage information
- Scholarships and Bursaries (www.alis.alberta.ca/et/fo/scholarships/scholarships.html)
- EDINFO pages (www.alis.alberta.ca/edinfo): EDINFO pages contain information on the hundreds of post-secondary programs available in Alberta. Families can search by program or by school. **Please note:** *ALIS information pages provide links to post-secondary programs – students should use the links to institution web pages for the most up-to-date information.*

- CAREERinsite pages: (www.alis.alberta.ca/CAREERinsite/): A five step process for career planning that includes many activities students can use when planning for life after high school

Apprenticeship: (www.tradesecrets.alberta.ca) is an excellent site that gives you information on over 50 trades in Alberta.

Other valuable after high-school planning web sites include the following:

- YouthLink (<http://youth.gc.ca>): A web site organized by the Government of Canada that includes ideas about post-secondary finance, career information tools, exchange programs as well as national and international work experience programs
- The Directory of Canadian Universities (www.aucc.ca): The web site of the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada. The site includes information on over 10 000 post-secondary programs in Canada.
- www.ScholarshipsCanada.com: A fairly comprehensive scholarship portal. Students can search through their database to find scholarships, student awards, bursaries and grants.
- www.yconic.com: You can register for free on this website and it will match you with scholarships for which you might be eligible.

APPLICATION TO POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION PROGRAMS IN THE EDMONTON AREA

Most post-secondary institutions in the province are using the online application system ApplyAlberta. This portal allows students to apply to multiple post-secondary institutions. Students create an account with a secure login. For more information and to create an account, visit www.applyalberta.ca

It is a good idea to apply early as many programs work on a “first qualified, first served” basis. Students are encouraged to consider applying to more than one institution to increase chances of acceptance in at least one program.

ADMISSION TO POST-SECONDARY PROGRAMS

All post-secondary institutions specify minimum admission requirements for each of the programs that are listed on their web sites. If a particular program is over-subscribed, usually students with the highest marks are selected and entrance requirements can go up significantly. It is important for you to find out the exact requirements for the program you want to enter.

STUDENT FOR A DAY

Most post-secondary institutions in the Edmonton offer Student for a Day programs where you can meet with a program advisor, attend a class in an area that interests you, take a campus tour and have lunch with a mentor.

U of A – ualberta.ca/campusvisits/

NAIT – sarah@nait.ca or phone 780-471-8874

Concordia – www.concordia.ab.ca/prospective/visit

TRANSCRIPTS

All post-secondary institutions, as well as sponsors of scholarships and bursaries require transcripts. Check to see if they will accept a school certified copy of your marks (available from one of the counselors) or if they want an official transcript issued from Alberta Education. If you apply through ApplyAlberta, your transcript will be automatically sent to participating institutions. Student requests for Alberta Official Transcripts of High School Achievement can be made online using myPass. <https://mypass.alberta.ca/>

DIPLOMA EXAM REWRITES

Students can register and pay for diploma rewrites by using myPass. The diploma exam rewrite fee is \$26.25 each payable to the Provincial Treasurer. Deadline to apply for the January diplomas is early November. Deadline to apply for the June diplomas is early April. Applications are available from Student Services or on-line at www.education.gov.ab.ca

Diploma Exams Schedule: January 2017

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| <p>Diploma exams must be administered according to the scheduled dates and times. All diploma exams, except those that are asterisked, remain secured after administration.</p> | | |
| Monday, January 16 | 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. | English Language Arts 30–1 Part A* English Language Arts 30–2 Part A* |
| Tuesday, January 17 | 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. 9:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M. | Social Studies 30–1 Part(ie) A* Social Studies 30–2 Part(ie) A* |
| Wednesday, January 18 | 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. | Français 30–1 Partie A French Language Arts 30–1 Part A* |
| Friday, January 20 | 9:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M. 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. | Français 30-1 Partie B French Language Arts 30-1 Part B |
| Monday, January 23 | 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. | English Language Arts 30–1 Part B English Language Arts 30–2 Part B |
| Tuesday, January 24 | 9:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M. | Social Studies 30–1 Part(ie) B Social Studies 30–2 Part(ie) B |
| Monday, January 25 | 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. | Mathematics 30–1 Mathematics 30–2 |
| Thursday, January 26 | 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. | Biology 30 |
| Friday, January 27 | 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. | Chemistry 30 |
| Monday, January 30 | 9:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M. 1:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M. | Physics 30 Science 30 |

Diploma Exams Schedule: June 2016

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| <p>Diploma exams must be administered according to the scheduled dates and times. All diploma exams, except those that are asterisked, remain secured after administration.</p> | | |
| Thursday, June 15 | 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. | English Language Arts 30–1 Part A* English Language Arts 30–2 Part A* |
| Friday, June 16 | 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. 9:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M. | Social Studies 30–1 Part(ie) A* Social Studies 30–2 Part(ie) A* |
| Monday, June 19 | 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. | Français 30–1 Partie A French Language Arts 30–1 Part A* |
| Tuesday, June 20 | 9:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M. 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. | Français 30–1 Partie B French Language Arts 30–1 Part B |
| Wednesday, June 20 | National Aboriginal Day | No exams Scheduled |
| Thursday, June 22 | 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. | English Language Arts 30–1 Part B English Language Arts 30–2 Part B |
| Friday, June 23 | 9:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M. | Social Studies 30–1 Part(ie) B Social Studies 30–2 Part(ie) B |
| Monday, June 26 | 9:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M. 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. | Math 30-1 Math 30-2 |
| Tuesday, June 27 | 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. | Chemistry 30 |
| Wednesday, June 28 | 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. | Biology 30 |
| Thursday, June 29 | 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. 1:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M. | Physics 30 Science 30 * (French version is digital only) |

POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTIONS AT A GLANCE

THE UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA

- ❖ The University of Alberta will do campus tours by appointment
- ❖ Applications opened October 1
- ❖ March 1st deadline for most programs
- ❖ New for 2016-2017:
 - Specific required averages will not be published.
 - Admission offers will be based mostly on a **combination of final Grade 11 grades and final Grade 12 grades**
 - Qualified applicants will **receive a single, firm offer** – no more early admission
 - No longer offering conditional acceptance
 - Qualified applicants will **receive their offer earlier**, the majority of offers being made in the spring (March)
 - Applicants who receive an offer of admission **must actively accept their offer** by June 1, 2017 – and pay a \$500 tuition deposit – in order to secure their place at the U of A. (If offered after May 1, you will have a later deadline)
 - Application fee is \$125.00.
 - Deadline for applying for UofA Scholarships is December 15, 2016.

MACEWAN UNIVERSITY

- ❖ Open House Nov. 5th, will do campus tours by appointment
- ❖ When to Apply
 - Year-round – Deadlines March 30 and June 30 depending on program
 - Applicants can declare first-choice and second-choice programs on a single application
 - Applications are accepted until programs reach their quota
 - Programs with a competitive admission average will now admit based on a competitive admission process
 - Admission Requirements:
<http://www.macewan.ca/wcm/Registrar/Admissions/AdmissionRequirements/ViewByProgram/index.htm>
- ❖ Application fee is \$110.00 non-refundable

NAIT

- ❖ When to Apply
 - Applications began October 1
 - Applications are accepted until programs reach their quota
 - Most programs require a Career Investigation Report
<http://www.nait.ca/programsandcourses.htm?>
- ❖ Application Average
 - Varies by program
- ❖ Application fee is \$115.00 non-refundable per program
- ❖ Applicants can select up to 2 programs
- ❖ 60 days to get in paperwork after accepted
- ❖ Info Week – February 8-11th

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

- ❖ Programs Available
 - Bachelors of Arts, Science, Business, Education <http://www.concordia.ab.ca/programs/>
- ❖ When to Apply
 - Anytime until program is full
- ❖ Application fee is \$50.00 non-refundable

NORQUEST COLLEGE

- ❖ Programs Available
 - Health Careers, Human Service Careers, Business Careers, Pre-Apprenticeship and Industry Training, Employment Programs, Academic Upgrading Programs, Language Training Programs, ESL Career-Focused Programs
- ❖ When to Apply
 - Anytime until program is full – first-come, first qualified, first accepted
- ❖ Health Career Program Info Nights
 - April 7th, and May 12th

KING'S UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

- ❖ Programs Available
 - Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Education (elementary)
- ❖ When to apply
 - Applications are accepted until August 15 for fall term and December 1 for winter term

APPRENTICESHIP

- ❖ To begin an apprenticeship program, you need to find employment with a journeyman who is willing to train you in your trade. Your employer and the Alberta Apprenticeship Board make arrangements for the six to eight weeks of theory training each year at NAIT or other Technical schools throughout Alberta.
- ❖ The length of time it takes to complete an apprenticeship varies from two to four years depending on the trade.
- ❖ As an apprenticeship, you are an employee, so you earn while you learn. Normally you are paid an hourly wage which increases with your experience in the trade. Depending upon the trade and the period of apprenticeship, your wages will range from 45% to 90% of the current journeyman's wages.

OTHER INSTITUTIONS

- ❖ Alberta
 - A number of other colleges and universities you could consider in Alberta include Alberta College of Art and Design, Augustana Campus (Camrose – U. of A.), Red Deer College, Lakeland College, Olds College, Mount Royal University, Grande Prairie College, Fairview College, Medicine Hat College, Athabasca University, University of Calgary, University of Lethbridge.
- ❖ Canada
 - Calendars and website information from most Canadian universities are available from Student Services.
- ❖ United States
 - Student Services has a list of names, addresses and major areas of study for most American post-secondary institutions. American schools require the results of the SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test) and/or the ACT (American College Testing) as part of the admission requirement process. Either test may be written at the U of A at scheduled times throughout the year.
 - If you are considering an American institution, you should make arrangements to write this test in Grade 11. You should have your application and most of your materials together during your Grade 11 year.

ELK ISLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS FRENCH IMMERSION CERTIFICATE

Elk Island will award a French Immersion Certificate to those students who successfully complete 30 credits in French Immersion, including French Language Arts 30 and one other 30-level French Immersion course. Students who qualify will receive this certificate at our annual awards ceremony.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES

❖ Alexander Rutherford Scholarship for High School Achievement

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| • 80% average in five subjects | 75% to 79.9% in five subjects |
| – \$400 for grade 10 | \$300 for grade 10 |
| – \$800 for grade 11 | \$500 for grade 11 |
| – \$1300 for grade 12 | \$700 for grade 12 |

- Funds are allocated for any accredited post-secondary educational or training program
- Apply by May 1 for post-secondary studies starting in September or
- Apply by December 1 for post-secondary studies starting in January

There is no time limit to apply for this scholarship. Apply only when you have decided to pursue post-secondary studies. Students who apply after the May 1 application may not be recognized at their high school awards ceremony.

❖ RAP Scholarship

Students who are in the Registered Apprenticeship Program, who complete at least 250 hours of on-the-job training, and who plan to continue as an apprentice are eligible to apply for \$1000 scholarship. Deadline is June 30.

❖ Institutional Awards

- Most post-secondary institutions have their own set of awards and scholarships. Check the web site or calendar of the institution to which you are applying to make certain that you take advantage of any financial awards available.
- University of Alberta
Academic Excellence award for students with a final admission average of 90% or higher
– between \$1000 and \$7000 (given automatically, no application required)
Leadership and Scholastic Distinction – applications due Dec 15, 2016

❖ Other Awards

Private firms, foundations and organizations offer a variety of awards for post-secondary study. See Scholarships handout.

STUDENT LOANS

Apply online through the ALIS website: <http://studentaid.alberta.ca/resources/resources-for-students/>