



2021/22 Ardrossan Jr/Sr High FAQ Sheet

Dear Bison Students and Families!

We wanted to communicate to you what the start of the 2021/22 school year will look like for our students.

Please review the following document as you prepare to return to school.

For all additional information, please also refer to the both the EIPS and school website as they contain updated information. Please note that this document will be updated regularly on our school website as the school year progresses and changes.

www.eips.ca

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EIPS encourages all families to review the guidelines and FAQs for details about school operations this year.

[EIPS OPERATIONS GUIDELINES 2021-22](#)
[EIPS OPERATIONS: Frequently Asked Questions](#)

Masks are recommended for everyone indoors, especially unvaccinated persons. EIPS supports all decisions about wearing or not wearing a mask in non-mandated situations.

Ardrossan FAQ Questions:

1. When is the first day of school?

Regular classes begin on Wednesday September 1st, 2021, for all our students

2. What time does school start and finish?

The first bell is at 8:35 a.m., school starts at 8:37 a.m. and finishes at 3:14 p.m. Early dismissal is the first Wednesday of each month, students will be dismissed at 2:14 p.m.

3. When will we receive our lockers?

All Grade 7-12 lockers locker/combinations are on the Parent Student Portal (online, not the app). You will see your locker number and combination. We will provide the Grade 7-9's an opportunity in their homerooms on the first day to find their lockers.

4. What time can students enter the building on school days?

The doors to the school will be unlocked at 8:15 a.m., to discourage loitering in the hallways and common areas. Please do not arrive earlier than that time. Upon entering the building, go directly to your locker and then to your 1st block class.

5. What doors do students use to get into the school?

- Grade 7- Front Main Doors
- Grade 8- Band Room Doors
- Grade Homeroom 92, 93, 96, 97 - Front Main Doors
- Grade 91 and 95 - Gym Doors
- Grade 10- Front Main Doors
- Grade 11- Elementary side Front Doors
- Grade 12- Front Main Doors
- All students driving and Drop offs- Back Courtyard/ Fish Bowl Doors
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6. What will Lunch Break look like?

******Reminder that for the time being that there are no microwaves available.**

Grade 7, 8 and 9 students will have designated lunchrooms in a classroom with their homerooms.

This is to ensure that students clear the hallway and access the cafeteria in a physically distanced manner.

Grade 7 to 9 students will be required to eat in their designated lunchroom for 15 minutes and then they will be able to access other areas of the school/outside on school property for the last 30 minutes of the lunch period. Junior High (7-9) students may not leave school property during the school day. If High School students are not scheduled to be in session, then they may leave school property and return on time for classes.

Grade 10 and 11 students will be required to eat in the cafeteria.

Grade 12 students will eat in the Learning Commons.

7. Will the cafeteria be available to purchase food at lunch?

Cafeteria is slated to open on September 7, 2021.

8. What do I do if my child will be late or absent?

If a student is away for any reason, we need to receive a parent phone call, email, note, or other communication to the office to excuse the absence. After hours messages may be left on the school's voice mail 780-922-2228 or via email at General.AJS@eips.ca. Students are expected to communicate all absences with teachers and discuss the opportunity to make up missed work and complete assignments at a mutually agreeable time. Unless we have heard otherwise, any student that is not present in class at the time attendance is taken will be marked as an unexcused absence. For all unexcused absences, parents will be notified.

9. What do I do if I come to school after classes have started? And if leaving for an appointment?

Please enter the building using the front entrance and proceed directly to the school main office to check in. Also, if leaving during the school day, please check out through the office in order to ensure safety and follow emergency protocols.

10. Can parents drop off materials and lunch for their children during the school day?

Families must access the school through the main entrance and proceed to the main office.

11. How can I stay up to date with what is happening at school?

The school website www.ardrossan.ca is your best source for school information and activities. You can also follow our social media platforms [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#). Our Weekly Bison Tracks will be emailed to families weekly.

12. How do I access [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#)?

Many families already have access to the portal. If you still have not accessed this feature, please contact the office to receive your log in information.

13. When will I receive progress reports and report cards?

Progress report marks will be available to be viewed by all parents/guardians on the PowerSchool Parent Portal throughout the year. Report cards are also available to view on the Parent Portal.

14. How much will school fees be?

School fee information for the 2021-22 school year is expected to be posted on the PowerSchool Parent Portal by the end of September. You will receive an email notification letting you know once fees have been posted. To access your fee information, go to “Student Fees” on PowerSchool Parent Portal. There you can view your fees and pay online using Visa, MasterCard or INTERAC Online—when available from your financial institution. Payment can also be made by cash or cheque at the school office. **Note:** School fee account must be in good standing before students can participate in extra curricular field trips, activities and athletic teams.

15. When do I pay my school fees?

All fees are due within 14 days of being posted. Payment plans may be arranged, please contact our Business Manager, Kim Walsh kim.walsh@eips.ca, for information. If circumstances exist where you are unable to pay your fees, you can apply to have fees waived by submitting an Application for a Waiver of Fees. The 2021-22 fee waiver application deadline—for both school and transportation fees—is **Dec. 15, 2021**. For new EIPS families, the deadline is the latter of Dec. 15, 2021 or 45 days after registration.

16. How can I become involved with School Council?

There is a School Council Meeting held on the third Monday of every second month. They are generally at 6:30 p.m., in the Learning Commons, all Parents/Guardians are welcome to attend.

We look forward to seeing all our students on September 1. #bisonpride
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