Frequently Asked Questions

1. Are you accepting School of Choice Applications?

We are not currently accepting SOC applications in French Immersion programming, and English programming is severely limited. We strongly encourage you to apply at your catchment school as well.

2. How do I find my catchment school?

You can use the school locator tool on our divisional website.

3. Is my child eligible to ride the bus?

All transportation questions must be directed to the division's transportation department at 204-488-1757. The division is working hard to provide transportation to as many students as possible; however, spaces are limited due to the high number of students who receive transportation service. Please refer to the <u>Transportation Frequently Asked</u> <u>Questions webpage</u> for more information or the <u>transportation web page</u> for contact information.

4. Do you have a lunch program?

Yes, we do have a lunch program. Information about the lunch program fees and payment schedules will be distributed in the fall. Lunch program fees subsidize the cost for lunch supervisors. The school has a canteen area where students can purchase a variety of snacks, drinks, and sandwiches. Grade 5 and 7 students eat first in the cafeteria and then go outside. Grade 6 and 8 students go outside first and then eat in the cafeteria during the second half of the lunch hour. Having the students alternate during the lunch hour decreases congestion in the cafeteria. Currently, there are no microwaves available to warm lunches.

5. Are students allowed to decorate their lockers?

Students are discouraged from decorating their lockers. Stickers and tape are not allowed. Lockers are primarily used to store winter coats and boots. Access to lockers is limited to the morning just before the beginning of class, lunch time, and after school has ended to reduce traffic and congregating in the halls. No valuables are to be stored in lockers. Currently, students are not issued a lock, unless they request one from their homeroom teacher. The only locks that are allowed are issued by the school.

6. What are class sizes?

At this point, homeroom class sizes vary between 25 and 32 students. The average of our 18 homeroom classes is 28 students.

7. Do you provide a before and after school program?

We do not currently have a before and after school program operating out of our building. We encourage you to explore options in the area and ask them about transportation between the daycare and school.

8. Are student able to bring personal devices to school?

Yes, student may have a personal device at school. Teachers will inform students when they are able to use their device in class. At other times, students are asked to put the device away. There are laptops available at the school for student use. Bringing a personal device is not mandatory. By signing the acceptable use document, a student is agreeing to positive digital citizenship. Taking photos or video of another (unless there is a specific school related reason and permission has been granted) is strictly prohibited.

9. When are students to be at the school?

Students are asked to be in their homeroom, ready to learn, at 8:35 a.m. O Canada and the Land Acknowledgement will be played, and attendance will be taken. Should a child arrive later, they are asked to stop at the office for a late slip. The school day ends at 3:30 p.m. Parents are asked to report absences or leaving early for an appointment through the Edsby app. Please do not text or call your child asking them to meet you without first informing the office. Teachers will accompany their students inside in the morning. Only on extreme cold days—when the temperature, including windchill reaches – 27 degrees Celsius—students are let in to warm up if they arrive prior to the start time. Students participating in morning sports team practices may enter the school via door #2, located adjacent to Oakdale Avenue, closes to the gymnasium.

10. Other information or questions?

Please call the school (204-889-9332) or email the office or the staff member involved, and we will be quick to respond.