



## 2025-2026 School Year SUMMER & SEPTEMBER INFORMATION Willow Park School

### CONTACT PROCEDURES DURING SUMMER

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For those families seeking to register or inquire about our school, please email one of the addresses listed above.

### REPORT CARDS & POWERSCHOOL

Report cards will be available on PowerSchool June 25th, 2025 under Student Reports.

### APPEAL PROCEDURES FOR MARKS, CREDITS, REPORT CARDS

Students can appeal marks up to and including July 11th, 2025. Email [greg.luchak@blackgold.ca](mailto:greg.luchak@blackgold.ca) with any appeals or concerns. This allows sufficient time for the School Administration to review the appeal to meet the Alberta Education deadline.

### JUNE NEWSLETTER

All pertinent information about our school can be found at <https://wps.blackgold.ca/>

### REGISTRATION OF NEW STUDENTS

All new families are to register their child(ren) online via PowerSchool Registration which is available on the Black Gold School Division website at: [New Student Registration](#)

Email or phone replies will be sent for all new registrations between August 20th - 26th, 2025.

### RETURNING STUDENTS - VERIFICATION FORM

Students who were attending a Black Gold School Division (BGSD) school in 2024-2025 and are returning to a BGSD school in 2025-2026 are automatically registered for the 2025-2026 school year.

**\*Please Note that Pre K students who will be attending Kindergarten are not automatically registered even if they attended a Black Gold school in the previous year. These students will need to register.\***

All BGSD families are expected to complete the Student Enrollment Verification Form for the 2025-2026 school year. In late August, parents/guardians will receive an email via SchoolMessenger with details on how to access this form during the first week of school.

## SCHOOL START DATE & TIMES FOR GRADES 1 - 12 STUDENTS

### First Day of School

**Wednesday, August 27, 2025**

Regular Day Morning Classes Warning Bell: 8:10 AM  
Regular Lunch Hour Times: 12:00 PM to 12:45 PM  
Regular Day Afternoon Classes Warning Bell: 12:40 PM  
Regular Day Dismissal Time: 2:45 PM

### **EARLY CHILDHOOD SERVICES (ECS): KINDERGARTEN & PRE-KINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS**

#### **KINDERGARTEN:**

Full Day English Program: **Mondays & Wednesdays**, Occasional Fridays and if applicable, ECS Shared Days.  
Full Day English Program: **Tuesdays & Thursdays**, Occasional Fridays and if applicable, ECS Shared Days.  
**Regular ECS classes commence:** Wednesday, September 3 – M/W class and Tuesday, September 2 – T/Th class

All Kindergarten students will start the year with a smaller group staggered entry on August 27, 28, or 29th. Staggered entry dates will be only a half day - either 8:15 - 11:15 OR 12:00 - 3:00 on one of the three dates. Parents will be notified of their child's staggered entry date by email before June 27th.

#### **Kindergarten times:**

ECS Morning Classes Warning Bell: 8:05 AM  
ECS Lunch Hour Times: 12:00 PM to 12:45 PM  
ECS Afternoon Classes Warning Bell: 12:40 PM  
ECS Day Dismissal Time: 2:45 PM

Kindergarten students will need a pair of running shoes, sip-top water bottle and lunch kit.

**Early Intervention Pre-Kindergarten (EI-PreK)** is offered at Calmar Elementary School, École Bellevue School, École Corinthia Park School, Linsford Park School, Robina Baker Elementary School, and Thorsby Elementary School. If you have a preschooler who faces challenges like following directions, communication issues, anxiety, or developmental delays, early intervention is crucial. Our Early Intervention Pre-Kindergarten (EI-PreK) program provides specialized support to help your child thrive – academically, socially, and emotionally. Children may qualify as early as two years eight months old by August 31st of the respective school year if they meet the criteria. Please go to <https://www.blackgold.ca/schools/programs/pre-kindergarten/> to enter intake for free eligibility screening.

#### **English as an Additional Language (EAL) Junior Kindergarten:**

The EAL Junior Kindergarten program is a half-day program, four days a week, led by a certified teacher with an Education Assistant at École Dansereau Meadows School in Beaumont and Willow Park School in Leduc. Children may qualify as early as three years eight months old by August 31st of the respective school year if they meet the criteria. Please go to <https://www.blackgold.ca/esl-junior-kindergarten/> to enter intake for free eligibility screening.

## **Willow Park School EAL Junior Kindergarten:**

Days of the week: Monday to Thursday

Staggered entry dates: September 3rd, 4th, 5th and 8th. Parents will be notified of their date by June 27th.

Start of regular classes: September 9th

### **EAL Junior Kindergarten times:**

Warning Bell: 8:24 AM

Class Begin: 8:29 AM

Dismissal Time: 11:00 AM

EAL Junior Kindergarten supply lists will be emailed to parents by June 27th.

To ensure a balance of strengths and needs across all programs, program times will be communicated directly by the school to all eligible families in September once school staff have had the opportunity to meet all the children in person and perform any necessary assessments.

## **SCHOOL SUPPLY LISTS**

Our [School Supply List](#) is available on our website and the [School Start](#) website, and at Staples and Wal-Mart.

## **POWERSCHOOL PARENT PORTAL CLASSROOM PLACEMENT**

Class Lists will be posted at the Meet the Teacher night on Tuesday, August 26th 5:30-6:30 pm.

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Willow Park School has a daily breakfast program available for all students, no sign up required. We are also an Integrated School Support Program school, which has many benefits, including a full time family-school liaison worker.

## **TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION & SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AREAS**

Have questions about busing? Start with our [FAQ page](#) — it's the quickest way to find answers to common questions.

For instructions on how to apply for transportation for the 2025–2026 school year, visit:

[blackgold.ca/apply-for-transportation-Black-Gold-Students](https://blackgold.ca/apply-for-transportation-Black-Gold-Students)

For all other inquiries — including address changes, bus stop concerns, or missing application forms — please email us at [transportation@blackgold.ca](mailto:transportation@blackgold.ca). Be sure to include your name, phone number, child's name, and bus number (if known) so we can assist you efficiently.

For more information on how to reach the Transportation team, visit: [blackgold.ca/contact-transportation](https://blackgold.ca/contact-transportation)

**2025-2026 School Year information will be posted to our BGSD website in late August.**