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Salmon Arm Secondary – Jackson Campus

Frequently Asked Questions

Do students attend school every day?

Yes! We are happy to have our students back at school every day (regular school days!) with our regular start and end times (9:15 am to 3:36 pm). We were able to accomplish this by rescheduling students into learning cohorts as well as utilizing a Quarter System where students only take 2 courses at a time for 10-week terms.

What courses is my child taking?

You should have received an email from the school indicated your child's term 1 courses. This email was sent to students as well as the primary email contact. If you did not receive this email, please contact the office. A list of students and their Block A classes will also be posted in the windows of the front doors at the school at the end of the day on Friday September 4th for families to consult prior to the start of school on Thursday September 10.

Why does my child only have 2 courses scheduled?

Rescheduling students into learning cohorts has been a challenge. We have ensured that all students are scheduled into their first term courses (at minimum). In September, we will conduct a modified course selection process with students to collect information that will help us complete schedules for the remainder of the year.



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Can my child change courses?

Maybe. I know that's not a very helpful answer but here is the explanation. Students are scheduled into learning cohorts for two courses. If a student changes one course, its paired course must also change to maintain our cohorts. Classes are also subject to class size limits. These factors have limited our flexibility in elective choices this year.

We will not be able to honour the majority of the typical course change requests that are received at the start of a school year. We will honor course change requests due to program placement errors. **Please be patient with our school counsellors. They have been overwhelmed with requests and they are responding to as many emails as they are able to at this time.**

What does my child do on the first day of school?

Teachers teaching a Block A class will be in their classroom, ready to welcome students. Teachers without a Bloc A, non-enrolling teachers, support staff and administration will be set up at entrances and outside to help students.

Upon arrival on the first day, students will be asked to report promptly to their A block classroom. At each entrance, staff will ask students to put on their mask (providing them to those that need them) and ask students if they know where they are going for their A block. If they do, students proceed to their classroom. If they do not know, they will be redirected to staff outside with a master schedule to let students know where to go. Once students are in their classroom and the day starts, we will begin with the COVID-19 Site Safety Plan Presentation. This presentation will be repeated as necessary for students not in attendance on the first day.

How does drop-off and dismissal work?

Bus students will be dropped off/picked up using the entire horseshoe parking lot to allow for socially distant bus lines. Students walking or being picked up will be asked to move off property as quickly as possible.

Our parking lot will be closed to the public for bus drop off and pick up times (8:45 – 9:15 and 3:15-3:45).

Can students leave campus at lunch?

No. Jackson will be a closed campus to start the year. We want to be a good neighbor and do what is right for the community. After consulting with local businesses frequented by our students at lunch, we have decided to close our campus (students cannot leave our grounds at any point during the day). Alternate plans are being made to provide food/snacks/drinks for purchase within the school, either by the leadership class or outside vendors.



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Will students be assigned lockers?

No. In an effort to reducing crowding in the hallways and ensure physical distancing between cohorts, lockers will not be assigned this year.

Are students required to wear masks?

Students will not be required to wear mask INSIDE their classroom when they are with their learning group but will be required to wear masks when they are outside of their classroom.

How big are student cohorts?

Students will be in learning cohorts of up to 30 students. This group of students will be learning together in both of the classes for the term.

Students will also be part of a larger lunch cohort. These cohorts are made up of multiple learning groups (max four learning groups makes 120 students). During the three lunch periods, different cohorts will get their lunch.

Which lunch group is my child in?

Students will find out which lunch cohort they are a part of on the first day of school from their Block A teacher.

What happens if my child is sick?

If a student is symptomatic, they should not attend school that day.

Any student who becomes ill while at school will report to the office. They will be asked to wear a mask and wait in our quarantine room. The family will be notified, and the student will remain in quarantine until they are picked up.