

École Champs Vallée School Handbook

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SCHOOL PROFILE

Welcome to École Champs Vallée School. Located in Beaumont, Alberta, École Champs Vallée School opened to students in September 2017. 2019-2020 is our third year in operation and first year with our full Pre-K to Grade 9 dual-track configuration. We have 770 students and 72 staff.

We are very proud of our dual track, French Immersion and English Programs. We look forward to continuing to build positive relationships, school culture, and creating an inclusive learning community.

We offer a wide range of curricular and extra-curricular experiences for our students.

Patrick Gamache Hutchison,
Principal

School Values:

- 1. All students are capable of learning; it is our responsibility to find the most effective way to teach each student.**
- 2. Our students' social emotional growth is just as important as their academic development.**
- 3. We model how to treat everyone with dignity and respect.**
- 4. Decisions are made based on what is best for students.**

School Goals 2019-2020

1. École Champs Vallée School Staff will establish learner readiness for all students.
2. École Champs Vallée School will establish a positive, welcoming, safe, healthy, and inclusive school culture.
3. École Champs Vallée School will increase student learning in numeracy and literacy.

DAILY TIME SCHEDULE

Grades 1 to 6

08:20	Students arriving are supervised outside
08:30	First bell rings - students enter school
08:35	Classes Begin - O Canada - Announcements
10:11-10:26	Recess
11:30	Recess
11:55	Lunch
12:20	Afternoon classes resume
13:56-14:11	Recess
15:15	Dismissal

Early Dismissal – 14:30 First Wednesday of every month starting in October

Grades 7 to 9

08:20	Students arriving are supervised outside
08:30	First bell rings – students enter school
08:35	Classes Begin
09:15-09:20	Break
09:20	Class
10:00-10:05	Break
10:05	Class
10:45-10:50	Break
10:50	Class
11:30	Lunch Break
11:55	Lunch Recess
12:20	Afternoon classes resume
13:00-13:05	Break
13:05	Class
13:45-13:50	Break
13:50	Class
14:30-14:35	Break
14:35	Class

15:15

Dismissal

14:30 Early Dismissal – First Wednesday of every month starting in October

Kindergarten

Morning 08:35 - 11:25

Afternoon 12:25 - 15:15

Kindergarten students do not have classes on the first Wednesday of every month except for the month of September. The kindergarten calendar can be found [here](#).

Prekindergarten

Morning Class: 08:30 – 11:30 All students

Afternoon Class: 12:15 – 15:15 All students

SCHOOL POLICIES:

Safety

Along with learning, the safety of students and staff is a priority at École Champs Vallée School. Along with our school division, we have developed procedures to support a safe school environment.

Injuries and Accidents

In the event of a serious accident involving a student, the school will attempt to contact the parents/guardian immediately. If contact is unsuccessful and it is deemed necessary to obtain medical assistance, an ambulance will be called to assess the student and transport to a hospital if necessary. Please ensure that the following student information is correct and kept up-to-date:

- Home, cell, and work phone numbers for parents
- Phone numbers of guardians or emergency contact person
- Name and phone number of family doctor

Attendance

The staff at Ecole Champs Vallée School believe that regular attendance has a significant impact on a student's academic success starting in kindergarten and continuing throughout junior high and high school. Even as children grow, families play an important role in making sure students get to school safely every day and understand why attendance is so important for success in school.

Did you Know?

- Starting in kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school.
- Students should miss no more than 9 days of school each year to stay engaged and successful.
- Missing ten percent (or about 18 days) of the school year can drastically affect a student's academic success, including learning to read.
- Regular attendance is an important life skill that will help your child be ready for future education and employment.

What can you do?

- Talk about the importance of showing up to school every day.
- Help your child maintain good daily routines, including getting a good night's sleep.
- Try to avoid medical appointments or extended vacations during the school year.

Regular and punctual attendance is important for good progress at school. If a child does have to be absent, we ask that the parents/guardians [report the absence online](#) or call the school at 780-929-8888 before classes begin. Please do not email teachers on the morning of an absence. Sometimes teachers are not at school or do not open their email immediately in the morning.

When it comes to missing school work, students can check in with their teachers and make a plan on when to catch up on missed assignments and assessments. Parents are encouraged to check teacher's blogs, emails or newsletters for updates on work being completed in class and can access Google Classroom for required materials if available.

At École Champs Vallée School, an automated notification is sent to parents if your child has an unexcused absence. Please reinforce with your child that if they are late, locked out, or miss their bus, that they should enter the front door and check-in at the office where adults will assist them.

Absences for Family Holidays

It is the expectation that students will attend school on scheduled school days and take holidays according to the school year calendar. In the event that parents choose to take their children out of school at times other than school holidays, the onus lies with the parents to provide educational activities for their child. Teachers include curricular expectations in their monthly classroom newsletters. Teachers cannot provide detailed daily homework assignments that replicate missed work.

Parents who choose to take their children out of school for a holiday are choosing to accept responsibility for their child's learning during that period. If a student is going to miss ten school days or more, parents can register them for online curriculum education through SuccessMaker with Alberta Education. Please contact the school office for more details. *With this in mind, we would like to encourage families to plan family vacations around the school calendar. Regular and punctual attendance is important for good progress at school.*

If a child does have to be absent, we ask that the parents/guardians [report the absence online](#) or call the school at 780-929-8888 before classes begin. Please do not email teachers on the morning of an absence. Sometimes teachers are not at school or do not open their email immediately in the morning.

Late Policy

Our Student Code of Conduct states that a student has the responsibility to *be ready to learn and actively engage in and diligently pursue the student's education.*

When a child arrives late, it interrupts learning time and distracts the other students. It is also a safety concern as the student is not where they are expected to be. Please note that parents will be notified when a child is frequently late. If your child is late, please remind them to stop at the office for a late slip.

Locked Doors

Since the periphery doors are locked, tardy students must come in by the front doors and report to the office for a late slip.

To reduce unauthorized people entering the school, the periphery of the school will remain locked during the day and before and after school. The doors are opened to let students in the mornings and during recess. The only doors that remain open are the front doors of the school.

Illness

Children who are suffering from communicable diseases (i.e. pink eye, mumps, measles, Fifth disease, chicken pox, viruses, and the flu) should be kept home until they have completely recovered. Children coming to school ill are usually unable to function well, provide a source of infection for others and would probably recuperate faster at home.

Reporting Communicable Diseases

The following diseases must be reported to the Public Health Authority under the Public Health Act. This list includes only notifiable diseases that may be seen in schools. Please contact the Beaumont Public Health Centre at 780-929-4822.

Chickenpox, Diphtheria, Encephalitis, Gastrointestinal Infections (Giardiasis, Salmonella, Shigella), Haemophilus Influenza Infections, Hepatitis, Measles (Rubeola), Mumps, Meningitis, Polio, Reye's Syndrome, Rubella (German Measles), Tuberculosis, Whooping Cough (Pertussis)

Please report cases of scabies, head lice, ringworm, and influenza (flu), and Fifth Disease to your Public Health Centre as well.

In the interest of the health and wellbeing of all our students and staff, please be sure to notify the school if your child has contracted one of the communicable illnesses listed above.

Being Allergy Aware

This procedure will be instituted in the classrooms that have students with severe allergies. Ensuring the safety of children with anaphylactic allergies in a school setting depends on the cooperation of the entire school community, therefore we would like all parents to be informed of our Allergy Aware procedures.

Allergy Aware vs. Allergen Free Classrooms

In “Allergy Aware” classrooms: The child, family, medical service provider(s), and school work together to develop a reasonable safety plan.

The school keeps emergency Epi-Pens in the office. The school community can be taught about respecting allergies and how to help a student in an emergency. “Allergen Free” classrooms cannot be guaranteed because schools cannot ensure that the classroom is completely free of allergens and cannot guarantee other parents will not send allergens to school.

Anaphylaxis

Anaphylaxis is a severe allergic reaction. It can cause severe sickness or death. It can happen in seconds, minutes or even hours after someone has been exposed to the allergen.

Urgent medical treatment is required. Call 9-1-1 if you think someone is having an anaphylactic reaction.

Symptoms: Any or All May Occur

Skin : Flushed face, hives, clammy, sweaty, tingling, itchy, or swollen lips, tongue, eyes

Breathing/Circulation: Coughing, choking, voice change, increased heart rate, chest tightness loss of consciousness

Stomach: Cramps, vomiting, diarrhea

Behaviour: Dizziness, confusion, anxiety, fear

Who is Responsible for What?

Principal:

- Ensure an up-to-date medical alert form is on file
- Provide in-service on anaphylaxis to school personnel

Teacher(s):

- Inform parents if there are any severe allergies in the classroom
- Follow school procedures and plan for the child with allergies
- Discuss allergies in age-appropriate terms with students
- Create an inclusive, positive, and safe environment for all students
- Do not use identified foods in activities or parties
- Encourage hand washing before and after eating
- Discourage sharing of food and utensils
- Confirm location of Epi-pen and take cellular phone/arrange phone access on all field trips

Student with Severe Allergy:

- Will only eat foods from home and not share utensils or drinks.
- Will tell an adult if they feel they are having an allergic reaction.
- Carry an Epi-pen with them at all times (or follow the agreed Epi-pen plan).
- Wash hands before and after eating.

Parent/Guardian:

- Inform school every year, of your child's allergy and complete an Anaphylaxis Emergency Plan.
- Work with the school and teacher to develop a plan for your child
- Encourage your child to speak out when they feel they are having an allergic reaction

- Encourage your child to carry their own Epi-Pen, not share foods/utensils and practice good hand washing
- Teach your child that it is okay to say, “No” to foods when offered
- Order a medic-alert bracelet/necklace for your child
- Should be informed that there are children with allergies in the school
- Encourage their own child to respect all students regardless of allergies

Other Students:

- Will not share food, drinks or utensils
- Wash hands before and after eating
- Respect the child with allergies
- Know who to call in case they think the child with allergies needs help

Appropriate Clothing & Spare Clothing

It is important to note that with warm weather, children will be wearing light clothing to be more comfortable. We all understand the need to be comfortable, but at the same time we wish to maintain the appropriateness of clothing for a school atmosphere. We ask that children do not come to school wearing short bottoms or tops.

Please send spare clothing for your child to keep in their locker in case of accidents or changing for Physical Education (when needed). Appropriate footwear that protects the toes should be worn as well. All students should have a clean pair of indoor shoes to be worn for Physical Education and around the school.

Inclement Weather

Information on bus operation and school closures can be found at www.blackgold.ca or on various radio stations.

If Black Gold bus students are to be sent home early, the fan out system will try to contact all parents. During inclement weather, it is the parents’ decision if their child is to attend school. Please ensure that all children are dressed appropriately for the weather regardless of how they get to school.

Indoor Recess

When it is very cold in winter, we check with Environment Canada to see what the temperature is and if there is a wind chill or weather warning in effect. We then make a decision as to whether students go outside or stay in for recess. Students are always welcome to stay inside or enter the school to warm-up before school or during recess. There is great benefit for children to go outside to get fresh air and to play at recess. Children should always come to school dressed as if they will be going outside. On very cold or wet days, students will remain indoors for recess. Students will play safe games and activities under supervision.

Parking

For safety reasons, the staff parking lot should not be used by students or parents unless special circumstances require access to this area. We ask parents to drop children off in the drive-through or park and drop off on one of the neighbouring streets (respecting driveways and private property). Students and parents are encouraged to use the crosswalks at all times. Please do not park in the bus lane at any time.

Visitors

All guests to the school must check-in at the office upon arrival and sign in online in the office. If you do not have an ID tag, please wear one of our Guest ID stickers.

Learning Commons/Library

Our library program encourages reading by giving students access to a good selection of books and eBooks. Students usually come to the Learning Commons for book exchange, storytelling, silent reading, and library skills once a week with their class. Students must return books every week. Please make note of their library day to return books.

Lost or Damaged Books

It is important that students learn to take care of their library books. Students will be asked to pay for any lost or damaged books.

School Pictures

Individual and class composite pictures will be taken during the year.

Busses

Students riding on the bus are responsible for their conduct while waiting for and riding the bus. Violation of any of the rules may lead to the loss of riding privileges or suspension from school.

Lunch

In the interest of student safety, École Champs Vallée School has a “Closed Campus” policy. This means that during lunch break, Champs Vallée students must remain in the supervised areas of the school for the entire noon hour. Our goal is to maximize student safety and provide the opportunity for students to enjoy supervised lunch with a teacher and healthy activities during the noon hour.

We realize that there may be times when you may wish to give your child permission to leave school grounds during the lunch hour. For Grade 8 & 9 students, this may include going home for lunch or to a convenience store or restaurant (Grades 1 to 7 may only go home for lunch with parent permission. They are not permitted to go to businesses during school hours). While we prefer that students remain on school grounds for the duration of the noon hour where we can actively supervise them, we will allow Grade 8 and 9 students to leave campus provided that they have parent permission and that parents acknowledge ([see form](#)) that they are accepting the risks of their child leaving campus without school supervision. You may also send a signed note on an individual day if you prefer that your child remain on school grounds except on those specific occasions. Students who have had the form completed are always welcome to remain at the school for lunch.

All students are required to remain on campus for the other breaks and recesses during the day unless a parent is present to sign them out.

As always, we expect our students to model exemplary behaviour and be positive representatives of our school. Students will be expected to follow the responsibilities of our ÉCVS Code of Conduct.

This policy will be reevaluated annually.

Hot Lunch Program

If they have enough volunteers, the Champs Vallée Fundraising Society runs a Hot Lunch Program for students. An online order and payment system is used. Late orders are not accepted.

Footwear & Removal of Outdoor Shoes

Students need a pair of clean indoor shoes with non-marking soles for classroom/gym use. To help maintain cleanliness in the school, we request that everyone remove wet or soiled footwear upon entering the building.

Lost and Found

The school has a “Lost and Found” near the office next to the gym entrance. Parents and students are encouraged to go through it regularly. Please label

all your child's personal belongings. Anything left over will be given away or discarded.

Fees

Fees for excursions, activities and enhanced courses are payable online using [PowerSchool](#). We prefer that payments be made online. We also accept cash or cheque.

Communication

Social Media, Email, and News

To help keep the school community informed of school events and information, “Voyageurs News” and updates are posted [online](#) and emailed home. Some school news and information is also available on our Facebook and Twitter accounts. Please contact the school if you are not receiving the emails.

Teachers are responsible for communicating classroom events and news to parents using methods authorized by the school administration.

Communication is very important to ensure the success of all students. By working together, we can rectify problems and enhance your child’s education.

Parents are encouraged to:

- Call or email the teacher
- check the school website, or call the school with questions
- track student progress on the Parent Portal for PowerSchool
- follow teacher blogs, emails, and Google Classroom which will review objectives and work for every class
- attend or request an interview. There is a scheduled set of interviews that parents can utilize, along with further opportunities for conferences that can be set up at a mutually beneficial time.

Messages to Students and Leaving School Early

Please make arrangements about after school plans or lunch before leaving home. Classroom learning and work is of utmost importance. We prefer not to interrupt learning with a telephone message unless it is an emergency.

Changes in plans for after school pick-up

Children sometimes forget and can get upset if they are unsure what to do after school. An email or note to the teacher is a good way to let the teacher know of changes to normal routine. Please notify bus drivers and childcare providers if there is a change in your child's after school routine. Please inform them if you are picking up your child after school.

Please keep in mind that it is sometimes difficult to give last minute messages to students.

If you must take your child out of the school during class time, please report to the office and sign out your child. Staff will call your child to the office. We ask that you not go directly to the classroom as this interrupts instruction. No child is permitted to leave the school with anyone other than their parent unless the parent notifies the school.

Volunteer Policy

Volunteers are welcome and essential in the operation of École Champs Vallée School. Interested parents are asked to contact the school for more information on how to become a volunteer.

Volunteers are required to log in using the Guest Check-in located in the office of the school.

Each volunteer must complete a Volunteer Registration Form.

This registration is for the duration of the school year. Classroom visits (by volunteers and guests) will be approved by the host teacher. Classroom visits will generally be by appointment so that meaningful volunteer activities can occur, and also to ensure that student circumstances are appropriate for entertaining a guest.

Confidentiality regarding students must be observed, and disclosure of any information should only be made to qualified professionals or as required by law.

As the actions of school and classroom visitors have great potential to impact students, it is expected that all volunteers and guests will demonstrate active support for teacher efforts and avoid any undermining of school practices and routines.

Custody or Parenting Access

If a custody order or any other legal document governing the custody or guardianship of your child exists, a copy must be placed in the student record. It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to provide the school with a current copy of the order.

Bicycles & Scooters

Children may ride bicycles, skateboards, and scooters to school so long as they ride safely and obey traffic laws. Students should walk their equipment on the sidewalks around the school. It is recommended that a suitable lock be used and that a spare key, or a note of the combination number, be kept at home. All unlocked scooters and skateboards will be secured in the shed. For security and safety reasons, they cannot be left unlocked at the bike racks.

In Beaumont, the use of helmets is mandatory for minors riding bikes, skateboards, scooters, and all other non-motorized vehicles. The school cannot take responsibility for loss or damage to vehicles, however caused. When possible, we will assist in the recovery or identification of any loss or damage to student property.

This equipment should only be used for transportation to and from school. It is not to be used during breaks or recesses.

Recreational Equipment

The school requests that skate shoes, lacrosse sticks, hockey sticks, etc. be kept at home where they can be properly supervised and the children's safety ensured.

School Council

École Champs Vallée School Council was established in 2017.

The School Council is a collective association of parents, teachers, principal, staff and community representative(s) whose purpose is to advise the principal and the board respecting matters relating to the school. It is a means for parents and community members to work together with the school to support and enhance student learning. All parents are welcome to attend the School Council meetings. Decisions at meeting will follow a "Town Hall" style format with each parent having an equal vote.

A school council cannot be incorporated under the Societies Act or Part 9 of the Companies Act. Although a school council can fundraise, it cannot undertake fundraising endeavours that require a gaming license from the Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission, such as bingos, casinos or raffles.

Mission

To support and enhance the quality of learning and development for all students at École Champs Vallée School, while in turn inspiring a passion for life-long learning

Vision

- To support the students, facilities, and staff with our input and assistance on all matters pertaining to students education.
- To assist in developing a well-informed and highly involved parent body.
- Learn together, achieve together and celebrate together.

Fundraising Society

The purpose of the Fundraising Society is to provide financial support to the school and School Council where needed through fundraising.

Medication

Medication will be administered to students who require medications that are prescribed by a doctor. Parents are required to fill out a “Medical Procedure Request/Waiver Form” before we can give medication to students. A log is kept in the office as to the dosage, when it was given, and by whom.

Excursions

Excursions are considered to be a valuable part of a child’s education. A curriculum-related excursion can offer unique opportunities for learning. Teachers will inform parents about the details and cost of each field trip. When necessary, students will be transported by bus to and from trips outside of the school. We try to keep cost to a minimum while weighing the educational benefits. No students will be denied participation in regional excursions due to financial concerns.

Reporting to Parents

Student progress should be reported in a timely manner by teachers using PowerSchool. Student progress can be monitored by parents at any time by checking the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#). There are 2 formal reporting periods each year where progress is reported in a document sent to parents. Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences will be held in the fall and spring of each year. Please contact your child’s teacher if you wish for a meeting at any other time throughout the year. We believe in ongoing communication with parents.

Student Record Portfolio

The student record portfolio is a cumulative record of academic progress. Parents may access their own child's information as recorded on the student's record portfolio. The information is explained and interpreted by school personnel and/other educational professionals.

Homework

Research does not support daily homework before Grade 10. We do not encourage daily homework assignments. Occasional home projects that require information not available at school may be assigned.

Daily home reading is strongly encouraged but should not be incentivized or openly tracked.

Review for assessments and tests in the higher grades can be encouraged in moderation periodically throughout the year.

If a student is having difficulty completing assignments in class, the teacher will contact the parent to notify them of this unsolved problem and use the strategies in "Missing or Incomplete Student Work" (see [School Assessment Plan](#)). If it is an ongoing problem, the student, parent, and teacher will meet to discuss the difficulty and figure out what skills and strategies are needed to collaboratively find a solution. Along with receiving additional supports in class or at school, completing assignments at home could be an option if it is mutually agreed upon.

Cell Phones and Student Personal Electronic Devices

- **Admirable Use Agreements**
 - [Admirable Use Agreement Grades 1-4](#)
 - [Admirable Use Agreement Grades 5 -12](#)

Champs Vallée encourages students to have a personal Chromebook/iPad or use a school provided device whenever required under the teachers direction and supervision. Students should bring their own personal calculators to class when required.

While personal electronic devices can be incredible tools when used properly, they can negatively impact learning and social/emotional growth when misused or abused. While many child psychologists and pediatricians discourage providing children with phones, we do find many students have them. Unfortunately, many children are overwhelmed with new electronic distractions while in the school environment.

Many of the concerns shared by parents, students and staff are:

- Students being unable to concentrate on their learning while in the possession of a smartphone.
- The constant distractions of alerts, text messages, phone calls, social media notifications, and games.
- Students leaving class to receive personal phone calls or respond to messages.
- Photos and videos being secretly taken that breach the Freedom of Information and Privacy Act, Black Gold Regional School Division's acceptable technology use policies, and compromise the classroom security (ex. examinations, class discussions).
- The increased frequency of cyber-bullying through social media applications.
- The increased stress and anxiety that students may endure due to relational aggression that occurs on electronic devices.
- An increase of student addiction to smartphone technology.

As we learn more about the negative impact of unlimited access to personal devices in the daily lives of children, we see the need to support children in responsible and limited use of these devices in order to build their skills in managing technology.

By implementing this policy, we aspire to support your children and enhance their learning. We are committed to being a safe and caring school. It is our goal to provide students with a distraction-free and focused learning

environment, one in which students can focus on the task at hand. We remain committed to better prepare students for the expectations of their future working environments.

Classroom Policies:

- With pre-arranged teacher permission, students may bring their own electronic devices (BYOD) that will assist with learning. e.g. Chromebook, iPad, iPhone, tablet, e-reader. Otherwise, students are not to be using their personal electronic devices during any instructional time.
- Students are expected to securely store their personal electronic devices in their locker prior to arriving to class. Alternatively, individual teachers may allow students to place the devices, turned off or on silence mode, in the area designated by the teacher immediately upon entering the room. They can not be stored in backpacks, purses, or pockets when they are in the classroom.
- Students will be permitted the use of personal electronic devices before school, during breaks (junior high only), during the lunch hour, on school busses, and after school.
- Teachers will remind students of the policy while conducting start up classroom routines.
- The Learning Commons, Flex Space, gymnasium, and all other spaces in the school where students are working will be considered a classroom space.
- If a student has a device in class, the teacher will ask them to put it in their locker or in the designated space in the classroom and contact may be made with the home. Repeated behaviour may be dealt with by the school administrators.
- In the event of an emergency, parents may reach their child by contacting the main office at 780-929-8888.

Trading Games

Unless a supervised school club is formed for the purpose of this activity, we ask that children keep collectable cards and other trading items at home. Students are not allowed to trade any items at school.

Instructional Programs

All Early Childhood Services and Grade 1 to Grade 9 curriculum and courses required by Alberta Education are taught at École Champs Vallée School.

French Immersion

French Immersion (F.I.) is offered from Kindergarten to Grade 9 at Champs Vallée and from Kindergarten to Grade 12 in the Black Gold School system in Beaumont. F.I. students receive about 75- 80% of their instruction in French with English Language Arts instruction starting in Grade 3. The goal of the program is for all students to become functionally fluent in French.

Supports and Services

Students who have special learning needs will receive supports and services within an inclusive classroom setting. Through the collaborative work of the staff, supports and services will be identified based on what will best help your child to be successful at school.

Counselling

Individual and group counseling facilitates emotional, social and educational growth through the development of a positive self-concept. Please contact a school teacher-counsellor, if you wish to discuss your child's development.

Early Childhood Services (E.C.S.)

Prekindergarten Program

The Prekindergarten Program is an inclusive classroom led by a Certificated Teacher. Students with funding come to school four half-days per week. Students without funding come for two half-days per week. In the program, students are introduced to an education program through music, puppetry, language stimulation and play. The program is supported and has access to the services of Speech Language Pathologists, Occupational Therapists, Physiotherapists, and other professionals and paraprofessionals.

Kindergarten Program

Children learn by doing and play is their work. Kindergarten programs not only help prepare children for grade one, but also set a foundation for later school success. Children learn how to interact with others and to see themselves as individuals and learners. Champs Vallée Kindergarten follows Alberta Education's Kindergarten Statement to provide learner expectations in the seven learner areas:

- Early Literacy
- Early Numeracy
- Citizenship & Identity
- Environment & Community Awareness
- Personal & Social Responsibility
- Physical Skills & Well Being
- Creative Expression

When Is My Child Eligible To Attend Kindergarten?

Children who are at least 5 years of age as of January 1st are eligible to attend Kindergarten for that school year.

How Do I Register My Child?

Registration for the upcoming school year begins in early January. At Champs Vallée, and half-day (every day) Kindergarten programs in French and English. Programs offered depend upon sufficient enrollment, space and resources.

Supporting documentation (copy of birth certificate, and proof of residency) is required at the school when registering your child.

Is Transportation Provided for ECS?

Kindergarten students follow the regular Black Gold Regional Transportation policy. It should be noted if the ECS Program is a half-day program, there is no bussing available from Black Gold for noon hour, at the end of the morning program, or at the beginning of the afternoon program. Some Beaumont childcare providers do provide transportation at noon.

Physical Education

Champs Vallée students receive routine Physical Education (P.E.) classes as well as Daily Physical Education.

ECS to Grade 4 students will not change for Physical Education (P.E.) classes. These students are expected to come to school with clothing that allows for safe participation in P.E. classes. Shirts that can be tucked in and pants and shorts that do not have zippers, buckles, buttons or drawstrings are safest and most comfortable. T-shirts and shorts that are too big and baggy can cause safety issues. All students are expected to have a set of clean shorts or sweatpants and a t-shirt to keep in their locker in the event that their clothes are not suitable for active participation in P.E. classes. Please provide your child with a small, well labeled, cloth bag to carry and store their gym clothes. Students in grades 5 to 9 may change in the gymnasium locker room when needed at the request of their teacher.

All children must have clean, non-marking athletic shoes for gym wear (these shoes can also be used for indoor shoes). Please check your child's shoes occasionally for wear and proper fit. Please avoid skateboarding shoes and slip-ons.

During nice weather, it is very helpful if the children have outdoor running shoes as we do a lot of outdoors activities. It is hard to participate fully in sandals, flip flops, boots, dress shoes, or slip-ons.

Children with longer hair are asked to tie it back. Please assist your child by providing hair elastics. There are rubber bands available for those children who forget. All jewelry must also be removed, however small studs may be taped if they can't be removed yet.

If your child is not feeling well or has an injury, it is helpful if you notify your child's teacher indicating any limitations or if necessary that they should not participate in Physical Education.

Music

École Champs Vallée School provides opportunities for students to experience music through singing, listening, moving and playing instruments, as well as using current technology to enrich their musical experiences.

Elementary Music

- Elementary students attend music class with a music specialist. There are often extra-curricular opportunities such as singing choir, bell choir or recorder club. The goal of the music education program is to make music a positive learning experience that will instill a lifelong love for music.

Junior High Bands

- Concert Band is offered as an elective course (option) for junior high students. Rock Band is offered as a student extracurricular club.

Elective Courses/Options

At Champs Vallée, we offer elective CTF and curricular courses for students in grades 5 to 9. Information is communicated to parents regarding course selection.