



STUDENT EXPECTATIONS

2023-2024 BELL SCHEDULE

8:15 am - Welcome

8:25 am - Instruction Begins

10:25-10:40 am - Nutrition Break

11:40-12:25 - Lunch Break

2:20 pm - Dismissal

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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We acknowledge the Abbotsford School district is located on the traditional and unceded territory of the Stól:lō people, the Semá:th First Nation and Mathxwí First Nation. With this, we respect the longstanding relationships that Indigenous Nations have to this land, as they are the original caretakers.



Our Commitment



The Abbotsford School District acknowledges historical and ongoing injustices that Indigenous Peoples ensure in Canada, and we accept responsibility as a public educational institution to contribute toward revealing and correcting miseducation as well as renewing respectful relationships with Indigenous communities through our teaching and community engagement.

STUDENT PLANNER

Student planners are a valuable communication tool. Students are required to make daily entries and parents and teachers use them for home-school communication. A planner is required at school daily. This planner is supplied by the school to all students.

STUDENT FEES AND SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

In accordance with [District Policy AP 317 Student Fees](#) (3.3) Student Activity Fee for Middle and Secondary Schools: The student activity fee covers costs such as student agendas, guest speakers, student identity cards, school events, student recognition, student leadership, locks, and locker rentals.

Parents, please pay for student fees, field trips, clothing, etc. by using School Cash Online — abbotsford.schoolcashionline.com. By using School Cash Online, parents can pay for fees 24/7 and instantly receive confirmation and a printable receipt as soon as payment has been processed. Teachers do not accept cash, with limited cash payments accepted at the office.

LOCKS & LOCKERS

All students will be issued a combination lock and a locker. Only **school-issued** locks may be used. Lock combinations are to be memorized and *not shared* with friends. Students are not to share lockers or move lockers without the principal's permission. Students are responsible for ensuring that their lockers are always secure. The school is not responsible for items lost because of a locker not being secured. A \$7.00 fee may be charged to any student who loses their lock. Students are not obligated to obtain a school locker. Using a school locker acknowledges the expectation that it is school property and may be subject to random searches and is only used for authorized school purposes.

PROFANITY

As per [Board Policy 15 – Student Code of Conduct](#), the use of inappropriate language, including language that is profane, obscene, racist, sexist, homophobic or otherwise offensive, is not acceptable school behavior. Disciplinary action will be taken for violations.

ATTENDANCE / ABSENCES / LATES

Please ensure you arrive at school on time. Punctual and regular attendance at school is very important. Except for illness or unavoidable family matters, you must attend school daily. If you are unable to attend school, a parent or guardian can report absences 24 hours a day / 7 days a week with the following:

- Download the SchoolMessenger App
- Access the SafeArrival website — go.schoolmessenger.ca
- Call 1-844-487-3701 to use the automated phone system.



The classroom is an active, experiential opportunity for students to engage fully in their learning. When students are absent, they miss the learning that takes place in group discussions where students begin to appreciate the different views and abilities of others. Homework packages cannot replicate the experiential opportunities of learning in a classroom.

PLEASE NOTE: Students who miss part of a day can only play a school-related game or attend a school social function with the permission of the school administration.

If an absence is expected for two or more days, please contact the school office (604) 859-6794 or frasermiddle@abbyschools.ca , plus their teacher. All teacher contact information can be found on the school website: frasermiddle.abbyschools.ca/about/staff . When you are going to arrive late in the morning or after lunch, you are required to sign in at the office.

ILLNESS AT SCHOOL

When a student becomes ill at school, parents will be contacted to confirm that it is safe for the child to go home. The medical room can be used with the permission of a staff member. Students need to check in and out of the medical room at the office. In any case of illness or injury, no student should go home on their own initiative but should seek help at the office. Accidents and emergencies are to be referred to the office immediately.

ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION

We are trying to maintain a uniform, safe, and efficient way of dispensing medication at school. If your child requires medication at school and you have not filled out the required form "[AP 328-1 Request for Administration of Medication at School](#)", you can find it in the forms section on our website under [Parents & Students](#). Please have the form completed by your doctor, sign it yourself and return it to the school as soon as possible. This procedure complies with District Procedures regarding medication to be taken at school. This form refers to medication taken on a regular or emergency basis excluding medication for the treatment of anaphylaxis or Type 1 Diabetes. If there are any questions, please contact the school at 604-859-6794.

BANNED SUBSTANCES & WEAPONS

All alcohol products, marijuana and its paraphernalia, and all vaping (e-cigarettes) or tobacco products are NOT allowed on the school grounds or in the school at any time. Parents and guardians will be contacted, and disciplinary action will follow the school district [AP 331 - Drugs and Controlled Substance Abuse](#). Additionally, pop and energy drinks are not to be consumed at school.

Any type of weapon, replica or genuine, including but not limited to guns, knives, slingshots, clubs, brass knuckles, lighters, laser pointers, firecrackers, etc., are not allowed, and are banned. Disciplinary action will be levied on any student who is found to be carrying a weapon (or replica) to, from, or within the school, or to, from, or at any school activity.

BIKES, BOARDS, BLADES & SCOOTERS



Helmets are mandatory for all students who are riding bikes, skateboards, scooters, or hoverboards to school. When students arrive on school property, **SLOW DOWN** as you enter school property. Bicycle and scooter racks are provided, and locks are recommended. Students are not allowed to be around the bike rack or to ride bikes or scooters during the school day. Other safety equipment, i.e., knee, wrist, and elbow pads, while not mandatory, are strongly encouraged.

CARE OF SCHOOL PROPERTY/VANDALISM

The destruction or defacing of property belonging to the school or others is strictly prohibited. Students are responsible for taking care of all school property, as they will be held accountable for any damage to desks, chairs, locks and lockers, textbooks, library books, computers, and other equipment. Students will be charged full price or replacement cost for loss or damage to any school equipment.

CLOSED CAMPUS

Fraser Middle has a closed campus policy. This means that only students who attend Fraser are to be on the school grounds during the school day. It also means that once students arrive at school, they must remain on the school grounds for the rest of the school day. Students being picked up at off-hours (for medical appointments, etc.) should be met in the school office. A note or phone call is mandatory to be excused early. Students will need to be signed out at the Office.

CELL PHONES, CAMERAS & VALUABLES

Cell phones must be turned off and left in students' lockers during the school day. Any items of value brought to school must be locked in a student's locker to minimize temptation for theft or damage. For students to bring and use personal cameras, they must have school permission.



STUDENT DRESS EXPECTATIONS

William A. Fraser Middle School's Student Dress Policy supports equitable educational access and is written in a manner that does not reinforce stereotypes and that does not reinforce or increase marginalization or oppression of any group based on race, sex, gender

identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, ethnicity, religion, cultural observance, or body type.

The intent of a dress policy is to set expectations to assist students, staff, and parents in decision-making with respect to clothing. It is not intended to be prescriptive nor punitive, but to provide a level of clarity so that correction or discipline is not required.

The dress policy is intended to incorporate individual preferences for students and their families to dress in the manner they choose. Individual choice is, however, tempered by a responsibility to recognize that a school is a learning and working environment, and as such, students are expected to dress in a reasonable manner.

Clothing should be comfortable and allow a student to participate safely in activities such as physical education, explorations, and science experiments. Clothing should demonstrate a respect for the school community.

Articles of clothing that promote alcohol or drugs, that display offensive language or images, or that encourage sexism, racism or bigotry are not acceptable in our school. Clothing bearing direct or indirect messages or graphics referring to gang culture, sex or pornography, weapons or violence will not be permitted.

The following are the guidelines for school attire:

1. Clothing and accessories cannot pose a safety concern or conceal one's identity.
2. Specific attire may be required for a variety of classrooms settings such as Explorations, PE, labs, etc.
3. Clothing must cover undergarments.

When there are differences in perspective, all involved have a duty to seek common understanding in a mutually respectful manner. Ultimately, the school administration has the responsibility to apply the dress policy when necessary. If any person dresses in an inappropriate manner, the student should be advised personally and discreetly.



[AP 318 – Student Dress Code and School Uniforms](#)

LEARNING SERVICES

Learning Services is a team of teachers who help students with a variety of academic and behavioral issues, i.e., learning assistance, counselling, English Language Learners, etc. For more information, please contact the school through our website

frasermiddle.abbyschools.ca, selecting *Contact Us*, to connect with a Learning Services teacher.

CANTEEN

The Canteen will be open during nutrition break and at lunch. Only food and drinks that meet district nutrition guidelines will be sold. A menu will be published every week. Canteen punch cards may be purchased on abbotsford.schoolcashionline.com in \$20 amounts. Please allow 24 hours' processing time before the card is available.



DIGITAL & SOCIAL MEDIA

Many students have access to digital technology and online social networks. More often than we would like, teachers, counsellors and administration at Fraser are asked to intervene in conflicts between students that occurred or began online. As per [AP 334 - Online Communications and Digital Learning](#), we encourage students to make good choices regarding their use of social media and online services. To resist the urge to act inappropriately online. We also encourage parents to be vigilant in monitoring and supervising their children's access to digital/social media.

TEXTBOOKS



Textbooks and other educational resources are the property of the school and school district. Students are issued textbooks at the start of the year. Students are responsible for the returning the same textbook they were issued when they are collected or when teachers conduct a periodic "textbook check." Students will be charged for lost or damaged textbooks.

QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS?

Frequent and open communication between parents and teachers leads to a greater understanding and appreciation of the educational process, as well as each child's participation in it. We encourage parents to bring initial questions and concerns directly to a teacher or the person whose action has given rise to concerns or problems so they can address any issues or action needed immediately.

If you feel your concern was not addressed, you may contact the school principal (Dr. Levings) or vice principal(s) (Mrs. Sidhu or Mr. Kemp) who are there to help. If you feel your concern is still not resolved, you may contact an Assistant Superintendent at (604) 859-4891.