

ECI Parent/Caregiver Start-Up Information

As part of the school year start-up, parents and caregivers are asked to review information to help students navigate the upcoming school year. Some information requires a response and other information is posted for your review. All the information can be found on the [School Year Information](#) section of the WRDSB website.

Here is everything you need to know to get ready for the start of school.

Important First Details:

- First Day of School: **Tuesday, September 8, 2026.**
- Not Attending Eastwood? If your child is going to a different school, please email us at eci@wrdsb.ca with your child's name, home address, and new school so we can send their records.
- Timetable: Your child will receive an email to their WRDSB email account with their timetable, updated news, and guidance information.

First Day of School Schedule:

- Please see the first day schedule [here](#)
- New ECI Students: Start at 7:55 AM. Staff and student leaders will be ready to help them find their way!
- Returning ECI Students: Start at 11:45 AM. Class lists will be posted in the main lobby. If your child has a spare during the first period, they can go to the library to pick up their schedule.

Reporting Absences

- Reporting Absences: Attendance affects student grades. If your child will be late or absent, please email eci-attendance@wrdsb.ca or send a signed note specifying your students last and first name, date of birth , period/day missing, and when they will return.

Important Forms to Fill Out & Return:

Please look for these paper forms or complete them online:

- **Data Verification Form (Paper):** Sent home on Monday, September 21. Please check your contact details, make any corrections, sign it, and return it by Friday, September 25. (Note: Address changes require a rental or purchase agreement; custody updates require legal papers).

- **Plan of Care Form (Paper):** If your child has a medical condition (such as asthma, diabetes, epilepsy, or severe allergies), please complete this form so we can support them safely.
- **[Online Forms \(School-Day\)](#):** Please log into your School-Day account to review and accept the Media Consent Form, Responsible Use (Technology) Policy, and Concussion Code of Conduct. No paper copies will be sent for these.
- **[Do Not Ride Bus Form](#):** If your child qualifies for the bus but will not be taking it, please complete the form on the Student Transportation Services website.

School Life & Helpful Programs

- **Student Activity Fee (\$40):** This fee covers school clubs, sports teams, music groups, and special events. You can pay this on School-Day. If you need financial help with this fee, please talk to a Vice-Principal in the main office—we want every student to participate!
- **School Photos:** Picture Day is Wednesday, September 16. Picture Retake Day is Tuesday, October 20.
- **Free Food Program:** All students can stop by Room 123 for free breakfast items and lunch snacks.
- **Free Clothes & Shoes Store:** We have a free store at the school with clothing and footwear available for any student who needs them.
- **Lockers:** Students must bring their own combination lock. Grade 9 students can register for a locker on Sept 9 and 10. Grades 10–12 can register starting Sept 11.

School Code of Conduct

- At ECI we are committed to creating a safe and welcoming learning environment for all our students through clear and high expectations for all students. Please review our updated student code of conduct [here](#).
- Cell Phones: Please review the ECI Cell Phone / Personal Device rules on our website with your child before school starts.
- [School community standards of behaviour](#) - based on Ontario Ministry of Education's Code of Conduct. These standards of behaviour are intended to ensure that all members of the school community are treated with respect and dignity.

Please regularly check our [school website](#) for important updates and information.

If you have any questions, please call our main office at 519-743-8265. We are here to help and look forward to a wonderful year together!