



BISHOP DAVID MOTIUK
CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY/JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Frequently Asked Questions

Grades 1 - 9 2021-22

This document contains answers to many questions that parents frequently have when registering their children for school. If you do not find the answers to your questions in this document, please email the principal, Ms. Terry Volk, at Theresa.Volk@ecsd.net.

To begin the registration process, visit www.bishopdavidmotiuk.ecsd.net and click on **REGISTER NOW** at the top right corner of the page.

What grades attend Bishop David Motiuk?

Bishop David Motiuk offers learning for students from Kindergarten to Grade 9. Our kindergarten program is a half day program available in the morning and afternoon with classes on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

Who can attend Bishop David Motiuk School?

As a Catholic school, all resident students in kindergarten to Grade 9 within the school's catchment area can attend. A resident student is a Catholic or has at least one parent who is a Catholic, or under the authority of the Child Welfare Act, has been placed in a foster home where the foster parent is a resident of Edmonton Catholic Schools.

Students who do not meet the above conditions may register if we have space and adequate resources.

- New students are accepted in the following order:
 - Resident (Catholic) students in catchment area;
 - Resident (Catholic) students residing outside the catchment area;
 - Non-resident students residing within the catchment area; and
 - Non-resident students residing outside the catchment area.

What is the catchment area for Bishop David Motiuk?

The area west of Anthony Henday Drive between Stony Plain Road and Whitemud Drive, including the neighbourhoods of Rosenthal, Breckenridge Greens, Potter Greens, Suder Greens, Lewis Farms Industrial, Stewart Greens and Webber Greens. To verify that an address is within our boundary area, simply type it into the Online Map feature on our district website: [Locate a School](#)

Bishop David Motiuk is an IB World School. How is that different from a regular school?

IB schools follow the same curriculum and do everything that regular schools do...and more! IB programmes are recognized all over the world for their academic rigor and innovative teaching and learning strategies. They emphasize inquiry based instruction and international-mindedness. IB programmes invite students to internalize the attributes of the IB Learner Profile. IB students are knowledgeable, principled, open-minded, caring, balanced and reflective persons who are inquirers, thinkers, risk-takers and communicators.

Do students have to take part in IB programming at Bishop David Motiuk?

Yes. All students at Bishop David Motiuk take part in IB programming.

What are the age guidelines for Grade 1 registration?

Students who are six years of age on or before December 31 of the current school year must register in Grade 1.

Do I need to fill out a new registration form if I am moving from another Edmonton Catholic School?

Students who are currently registered in another Edmonton Catholic School DO NOT need to fill out a registration form. Families can indicate their school of choice by using the Intention Icon in PowerSchool. Staff from Bishop David Motiuk will follow up with families to facilitate the transfer of students.

What is PowerSchool?

PowerSchool is the parent portal site. Through PowerSchool, parents can pay school fees, access their child's gradebook, eReport Cards, class schedules, bus schedules, attendance etc. If you are new to ECSD, the office will provide a code and password that links to your child. You must go on and create an account using the provided information.

What are school hours at Bishop David Motiuk?

The first bell in the morning rings at 8:40 am. Instruction is from 8:45AM to 3:12 on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Students are dismissed at 12:15 on Thursdays.

***Please note, these times may change slightly for the 2021-22 school year.**

How many students attend Bishop David Motiuk?

Currently our population 1068 students. We anticipate continued growth since the surrounding community continues to grow. There are 720 students in our K-5 classes. There are currently 348 students in our junior high (grades 6-9).

Is bussing available for my child at Bishop David Motiuk?

Yellow bussing is available for students in kindergarten to Grade 9 who live within the Bishop David Motiuk boundary area and outside of the 2K walk zone. To determine if your child qualifies for bussing, please contact the main office at 780-409-2603.

Is there Out of School Care available at Bishop David Motiuk?

Bishop David Motiuk does not offer Out of School Care. There are many day care and out of school care organizations in the area. These organizations often provide transportation to and from school. These organizations are not affiliated with the school in any way.

What additional supports are available to students and families at Bishop David Motiuk?

Additional supports at the school during the 2020-21 school year include:

- Educational Assistants (EA)
- Family School Liaison Worker (FSLW)
- Emotional Behavioral Specialist (EBS)
- Therapeutic Assistant – Speech and Language (TA-SL)
- Therapeutic Assistants – Behaviour Therapy (TA-BT)
- Learning Coaches
- English Language Learner Support

*** Please note that these supports are contingent upon both student need and funding and could change from year to year.**

Is early intervention for reading available to students at Bishop David Motiuk?

Learning coaches and teachers provide early intervention strategies for struggling readers which includes the use of the Levelled Literacy Intervention (LLI) resources.

What technology is available to students at Bishop David Motiuk?

Students in grades four – nine purchase Chromebooks for use at school. Most school work is done on Chromebooks and student textbooks, Google classrooms and other resources are accessed using Chromebooks as well. Please see the [Chromebook Purchase Program](#) page of our website for more information.

Chromebook carts and iPads are available for student use in primary grades.

Is French as a Second Language offered at Bishop David Motiuk?

Students in IB programmes are required to study a second language. At Bishop David Motiuk, all students take French as a Second Language (FSL) programming. Students in grades 4 – 9 follow the provincial French as a Second Language Program of Studies. Students in kindergarten through grade three follow a scope and sequence developed at the school level for French language instruction.

How is the music program delivered at Bishop David Motiuk?

Students in Grades 1-6 receive music instruction from qualified music teachers for approximately 70 minutes each week. Students in Grades 7-9 have the choice of continuing with instrumental music as a complementary course.

What complementary courses are offered for junior high students at Bishop David Motiuk?

Complementary courses offerings at Bishop David Motiuk are organized according to requirements of the IB Middle Years programme. Students are required to take a minimum of 50 hours of instruction in Fine and Performing Arts and Technology. Fine arts course offerings include Art, Drama, Film Studies and Instrumental Music. Technology offerings include Foods, Woodworking and Robotics. Offerings in a given section may vary depending upon student interest and enrollment.

What extracurricular sports are available for junior high students at Bishop David Motiuk?

Junior high teams include cross-country, soccer, volleyball, basketball, badminton, and track and field. Due to COVID-19 safety protocols, students did not participate on any school teams during the 2020-21 school year.

What extracurricular clubs and groups exist at Bishop David Motiuk?

Extracurricular clubs and groups have included choir, intramurals, leadership, patrols, running, and social justice team. Due to COVID-19 safety protocols, students did not participate in any extracurricular clubs or groups during the 2020-21 school year.

When will I know if my child's registration has been accepted at Bishop David Motiuk?

We will begin sending letters of acceptance for new families in early March. Letters for families of resident students living within our catchment area are sent first. Letters for other families are sent once we have firm numbers for the upcoming school year (late March or early April).