



**BISHOP DAVID MOTIUK**  
CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY/JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

## *Frequently Asked Questions*

### *Kindergarten 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](mailto:Theresa.Volk@ecsd.net).

To begin the registration process, visit [www.bishopdavidmotiuk.ecsd.net](http://www.bishopdavidmotiuk.ecsd.net) and click on **REGISTER NOW** at the top right corner of the page.

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#### **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 Kindergarten registration?**

In the case of a kindergarten student, students must be 5 years of age or older on or before December 31 of the current school year to register.

### **What are school hours at Bishop David Motiuk?**

The first bell in the morning rings at 8:40 am. Kindergarten classes are 8:40-11:39 am (morning groups) or 12:13-3:12pm (afternoon groups). Supervision outside in the mornings begins at 8:20am

**\*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.

### **Am I required to purchase school supplies?**

Each kindergarten student will bring their own supplies to school in the fall. A detailed supply list is posted to our website in May. Families may purchase supplies through School Start or at local stores.

### **How much are the school fees for Kindergarten students?**

School fees for Kindergarten students this school year were \$30.00. This fee will be reviewed, and information will be provided to families in the fall with information as to what the fee includes, how to pay the fee and when fees are due.

### **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.**

### **When do classes begin in September?**

Kindergarten has a staggered entry in September. Students come to class in small groups. Each student will have a designated day and time to meet the teacher and work in small groups. All information will be sent in May to registered families.

### **Is there Kindergarten 5 days a week?**

Kindergarten is 4 days a week: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday.

### **Does our child need to be toilet trained before entering kindergarten?**

Yes, it is required that students be independent with toilet training prior to school start. Practicing independence with self-help skills such as washing hands, using the washroom, and dressing themselves will help build confidence for when they arrive at school.

### **How does drop off and pick-up work for kindergarten students?**

Bishop David Motiuk School has designated doors for all classes to enter and exit the school. Currently, Kindergarten students arrive and depart from the South doors. A staff member meets students at the entrance to bring them into the building to begin their day. At home time, staff dismiss children hand to hand when their parent/guardian is present.

### **What if my child is taking the bus?**

If your child will be riding the school bus, a staff member meets the student at the bus to take him/her to the Kindergarten door. At the end of the day, they walk your child to the bus to find their designated seat.

### **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.

**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).