



# Inverness Education Centre/Academy

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## General Information

Important Dates in January:

- Jan. 4** – ECRL 1:30-7 pm
- Jan. 16** – Gr. ¾ Trip to Manor
- Jan. 18** – ECRL 1:30-7 pm
- Jan. 22-26** – Primary Registration during school hours
- Jan. 24-31** – Exams will be written
- Jan. 30** – ECRL 1:30-7pm
- Feb. 1** – In-service /Administartion Day, No Classes



## Grade Primary Registration for 2018-2019 School Term

Parents and guardians wishing to register students entering Grade Primary in September 2018, throughout the Strait Region, may do so during the week of January 22, 2018. **If you are considering registering your child (ren) for Grade Primary in either English or French Immersion, it is important that you do so at this time.**

**Where to register:** At your local school  
**Dates:** Monday to Friday, January 22 to 26, 2018  
**Time:** During regular school hours

### PLEASE NOTE THE AGE REQUIREMENT FOR ATTENDING GRADE PRIMARY:

**Children who are five (5) years of age on or before December 31, 2018, are eligible to attend primary. Parents/guardians may take advantage of this opportunity for children to attend school, or opt to wait an additional year before having their child start school. Parents/guardians are the best judges of whether or not their children are ready to start school.**

- Registration may be completed in person at the school. At that time, the child's birth certificate, provincial health card and completed school registration form are required. Parents/guardians may also begin the registration process by telephone and provide the school with the required documentation at a later date.
- Parents/guardians requiring assistance with the registration process are encouraged to contact their local school principal.
- It is not necessary for children to accompany parents or guardians for registration.
- The French Immersion Program is available to all students in the Strait Region and is offered at the French Immersion School closest to your home. Schools that offer French Immersion include Antigonish Education

Centre, Cape Breton Highlands Education Centre/Academy, East Richmond Education Centre, Felix Marchand Education Centre and Tamarac Education Centre. Please contact the Principal at these schools for more information on the French Immersion Program.

- Registration for French Immersion is only held at the school where the program is being offered.
- In instances where existing school board transportation is not available, the parent/guardian is responsible to transport the student to and from the French Immersion School at no cost to the Board.
- For the French Immersion Program only, in accordance with provincial class cap guidelines, the first 20 students registered at each school will be accepted into the Program, and the remainder placed on a waiting list in the order which they registered.
- For more information, please refer to the School Board's brochures, [Starting Grade Primary: A Guide for Parents/Guardians](#) and [Early French Immersion](#), available at your local school, by contacting regional office or by accessing the Document Depot section of the Board's web site ([www.srsb.ca](http://www.srsb.ca)).

**It is the Board's intention that Primary Registration be completed during the last week of January 2018, to allow time for school planning and staffing for the 2018-2019 school year. For further information please contact the school at 902-258-3700.**

In the event of changes to the registration schedule, announcements will be made through local radio stations and on the School Board web site.

[www.srsb.ca](http://www.srsb.ca)  
Tel: 902-625-2191  
1-800-650-4448  
Fax: 902-625-2281



**Winter Clothing:** Please remind your child(ren) to dress appropriately for the winter weather (i.e. hats, mittens, boots, slush/snow pants). We encourage all students to go outside and play. Outdoor play increases fitness levels and builds active, healthy bodies!



### **Class Cancellations Due to Weather and/or Road Conditions**

The safety of students and staff is the primary consideration in the decision to cancel classes or bus routes.

The decision is made by the Superintendent of Schools after review of all available information provided by the Director of Operations. It is a decision that is taken very seriously and is made following discussion and consultation with:

- The Board's Transportation Manager;
- The staff of the Nova Scotia Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal;
- Weather forecasting services including Environment Canada, AMEC Weather Information System, and The Weather Network;
- Provincial highway cameras; and
- Individual school bus drivers.

The Strait Regional School Board has established detailed procedures in regards to school cancellations. The decision making process will follow Policy IX-B-1, Cancellation of School Bus Service Due to Weather or Road Conditions, and the School Board's School Cancellation Procedures as noted below:

### PHASE I Cancellation of a Bus Run or Runs

If it is determined that driving conditions are unsafe on a specific road or roads due to high winds and/or road obstructions, a bus run or runs may be cancelled. An electronic notification will be sent to radio stations and

posted on the School Board web site. The announcement will indicate the bus run or runs that are cancelled.

### PHASE II Cancellation of Bus Service on Unpaved Roads

If it is determined that driving conditions are unsafe for travel on unpaved roads, an electronic notification will be sent to radio stations and posted on the School Board web site. The announcement will indicate that individual bus runs, busses serving a county or all busses will be traveling on paved roads only.

### PHASE III Cancellation of Classes due to Inclement Weather

If it is determined that driving conditions are too dangerous on roads for the safe transportation of students, an electronic notification will be sent to radio stations and posted on the School Board web site. The announcements will indicate “classes are cancelled at the following schools”.

### PHASE VI Delay of Opening of Schools

On days where conditions are such that it is not safe to open a school or schools at the regularly scheduled time, however, it is predicted that conditions will improve, a “two (2)-hour delayed opening may be announced”. Delayed openings may be considered when an extreme weather event has concluded but snow clearing or other operations require additional time. It may also be considered when physical plant or utility (power, water) issues are being addressed but additional time is needed to prepare the facility for opening. An electronic notification will be sent to radio stations and posted on the school board website

### PHASE V Early Dismissal: Predicted and Deteriorating Weather/Road Conditions during the Day

Predicted extreme weather and deteriorating conditions shall be monitored by the Operations Department. Announcements for early dismissals, based on predicted extreme weather, may be made in the early morning or during the day, but normally no later than 12:00 p.m. except in emergency situations. An electronic notification will be sent to radio stations and posted on the School Board web site.

### Phase VI Partial or Complete System Shut-Down/Schools and buildings Closed.

If it is determined that travel is unsafe for students and employees alike, an electronic notification will be sent to radio stations and posted on the School Board web site. The announcement for a complete system shutdown shall indicate “system shut-down—all schools and buildings are closed.”

## Contact Information

Transportation Department	902-747-3645 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Operations Centre Dispatch	902-747-3642 6:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

## Additional Information

- Parent/guardians who choose to drive their children to school when bus transportation has been cancelled in the morning are responsible to arrange transportation home in the afternoon.
- Cancellation of morning bus service also means cancellation of afternoon bus service.
- When classes are cancelled at a school, all afternoon and evening activities at the school site are cancelled.

## Board Staff

- Teaching staff and school administrators are not required to report to school when classes are cancelled.
- When there is a partial or complete system shut-down, all employees who work in the affected areas will not be required to report to work.
- Employees who regularly work in Regional Offices are required to report to work except in cases where such locations are closed due to inclement weather. If there is a delay in the opening of regional offices, the start time for support staff will be posted on the cancellation page of the School Board website.
- Regional and school-based support staff who find that they are unable to report to their workplace due to localized inclement weather or road conditions must contact their immediate supervisor and/or school principal as early in the day as possible.

<https://srsb.ca/content/cancellations-and-announcements>