



## 2026-2027 School Year SUMMER & SEPTEMBER INFORMATION Black Gold Home-Based School

### CONTACT PROCEDURES DURING SUMMER

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the principal, David Holbrow at [david.holbrow@blackgold.ca](mailto:david.holbrow@blackgold.ca). Phone messages may not be returned until August.

### REPORT CARDS & POWERSCHOOL

On FRIDAY June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026, final reports on all student progress will be made available online in Powerschool through the parent portal.

### APPEAL PROCEDURES FOR MARKS, CREDITS, REPORT CARDS

If you wish to appeal a mark, you must contact **David Holbrow** (Principal) [david.holbrow@blackgold.ca](mailto:david.holbrow@blackgold.ca) by July 3rd, 2026.

### JUNE NEWSLETTER

Summer Newsletter - <https://app.smore.com/n/udzv9>

### REGISTRATION OF NEW STUDENTS

All new families are to register their child(ren) online via PowerSchool Registration which is available on the Black Gold School Division website at: [New Student Registration](#)

Please read through our Programs Page to choose your program. Then go to our Registration Forms to complete the necessary paperwork for your program.

The school will connect with all new and returning students starting August 27, 2025

### RETURNING STUDENTS - VERIFICATION FORM

Students who were attending a Black Gold School Division (BGSD) school in 2025-2026 and are returning to a BGSD school in 2026-2027 are automatically registered for the 2026-2027 school year.

**\*Please Note that Pre K students who will be attending Kindergarten are not automatically registered even if they attended a Black Gold school in the previous year. These students will need to register.\***

All BGSD families are expected to complete the Student Enrollment Verification Form for the 2026-2027 school year. In late August, parents/guardians will receive an email via SchoolMessenger with details on how to access this form during the first week of school.

## SCHOOL START DATE & TIMES FOR GRADES 1 - 12 STUDENTS

### First Day of School

**Thursday, August 27, 2025**

- OFFICE PHONE IS OPEN August 21st (Office phones are open)
- OFFICE DOORS ARE OPEN August 27th (Both office phones / doors are open)
- SCHOOL STARTS August 27th (School is open for meetings / program plans)

#### REGULAR OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday 8:30 to 3:30

Student Program Plans will be created with families during September.

## EARLY CHILDHOOD SERVICES (ECS): KINDERGARTEN & PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS

### **KINDERGARTEN:**

Black Gold Home-Based School does not offer a kindergarten program. Please contact your area school to register your child for kindergarten.

### **Early Intervention Pre-Kindergarten (EI-PreK)**

Every child grows differently. Our Early Intervention Pre-Kindergarten (EI-PreK) provides specialized support for "little learners who need a little more" with communication, following directions, or social-emotional development. Available at Calmar Elementary, École Bellevue, École Corinthia Park, Linsford Park, Robina Baker, and Thorsby Elementary, our program helps children build the confidence and skills needed to thrive. Children may qualify as early as two years and eight months old (by August 31) if they meet eligibility criteria. Let us partner with you to give your child a strong start. Visit [www.blackgold.ca/pre-kindergarten](http://www.blackgold.ca/pre-kindergarten) to learn about our Alberta Education funded programming today; please return on August 24 to begin our free intake and screening process as we partner with your family for a strong start to school.

### **English as an Additional Language (EAL) Junior Kindergarten:**

Every child grows differently. Our English as an Additional Language (EAL) Junior Kindergarten is a social, play-based program for children whose main language at home is not English. Led by a certified teacher and an Educational Assistant, this program focuses on increasing vocabulary through play and building communication skills in a happy, supportive environment. Offered at École Dansereau Meadows School (Beaumont) and Willow Park School (Leduc), children may qualify as early as three years and eight months old (by August 31) if they meet eligibility criteria. We celebrate the diverse cultures our families bring to the classroom! Visit <https://www.blackgold.ca/esl-junior-kindergarten> today to learn about our Alberta Education funded EAL programming; please return to the site on August 24 to begin our free intake and screening process as we partner with your family for a strong start to school.

## SCHOOL SUPPLY LISTS

There may be minimal supplies required, discuss with your teacher during your intake meeting.

## TIMETABLE & TIMETABLE CHANGES

Traditionally, students will begin the year working on English Language Arts and Math. A weekly meeting with the teacher will be scheduled at the start of the school year.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Click here learn more about our [3 Home-Based Programs](#),

- Parent Directed
- Teacher Directed
- Shared Responsibility

## TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION & SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AREAS

**Note:** Home-Bases students are not provided transportation by the school.

Have questions about busing? Start with our [FAQ page](#) — it's the quickest way to find answers to common questions.

For instructions on how to apply for transportation for the 2026–2027 school year, visit:

<https://www.blackgold.ca/apply-for-transportation-Black-Gold-Students>

For all other inquiries — including address changes, bus stop concerns, or missing application forms — please email us at [transportation@blackgold.ca](mailto:transportation@blackgold.ca). Be sure to include your name, phone number, child's name, and bus number (if known) so we can assist you efficiently.

For more information on how to reach the Transportation team, visit: [blackgold.ca/contact-transportation](https://blackgold.ca/contact-transportation)

**2026-2027 School Year information will be posted to our BGSD website in late August.**