

Frequently Asked Questions - ELJHS - 2020-2021

Timetable/Schedule

Will school be reopening at the same time in September it does every year?

Like you, we are waiting for updates from the government to tell us exactly what the plan will be, but we are preparing to start on schedule.

How long do we have to grab the supplies from our locker for each period?

Check out the [Bell Schedule](#). In the morning you will grab your supplies for the first two classes before coming to your homeroom. You will only have 2 minutes between block 1 and 2 to get from class to class, so you should already have all your supplies for those two periods. After period 2, you will get an 8 minute break to get your supplies for periods 3 and 4 and get a snack/go to the bathroom. Again, you only have 2 minutes between block 3 and 4 to get to classes, so don't stop at your locker. After period 4 is lunch! After lunch you will get your supplies for periods 5 and 6. After block 6, your busy school day is over!

When does the school open to the students in the morning?

The school doors open at 8am. The classrooms are usually opened up at about 8:20am.

What happens if I lose my schedule?

Your homeroom teacher can print you another one, or you can ask for one at the office.

How long do we have to get ready for our first class in the morning?

Check out the [Bell Schedule](#). You can come into the school as early as 8am. You will want to visit your locker and get all your supplies/books for the first 2 periods of the day, then head to your homeroom before the late bell at 8:35pm.

Will we have our own schedules for the week ?

Yes. Each homeroom has their own schedule of classes. Your schedule will be the same as your homeroom classmates except for options which will vary depending on what you choose. Everyday you will check which "day" it is (day 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5) and look on your schedule to see what classes you have that day. Pretty soon you will remember which classes you have on which day, but you will always have your schedule in your locker and in your binder to check if you forget.

How long are our breaks?

Check out the [Bell Schedule](#). There is an 8 minute nutrition break in the morning between periods 3 and 4 and the lunch break/activity time is 17 minutes and 30 minutes for a total of 47 minutes.

Does everyone have the same lunch break?

Yes!

Classes and School Work

Can you switch classes if you're not in a class with your friends, or people you're not comfortable with?

We do not move students just so they can be with their friends. We like to give you an opportunity to get to know many other people. Junior high is a lot more fun when you know lots of people.

How many people would I know in my classes?

It depends! If you are coming from one of our feeder schools then you will likely have a few students from your grade 6 class in your homeroom. We also do our best to pair you with at least one student that you mentioned you work well with on your [New Student Survey](#). If you haven't filled that out yet, please do!

How many courses do I need to do?

You will have Language Arts, Social Studies, Science, Math, Physical Education and Health. If you are in the English stream, you will also have two option courses per term. If you are in French Immersion you will also have French Language Arts and one option course (per term). Lastly, you will take part in Flex sessions weekly.

How hard is the homework?

It depends! You can expect homework almost every day in one subject or another and many times you will have a longer assignment so you have to schedule when you are going to do it. If students come to school regularly, pay attention in class, ask questions when they don't understand something, develop effective study strategies and do their work in class, most students find success and they don't have too much homework. If students are struggling to understand or to keep up, there are supports and accommodations we can put in place to help.

Lockers

Will the teachers choose my locker or will I get to choose?

Teachers organize and choose their homeroom students lockers.

What happens if you forget your locker combination?

Your homeroom teacher, and your PE teacher should have the combination for your lock in their records. They will help you out!

Supplies

Do I need indoor shoes and if so, what kind?

You do not need a special pair of indoor shoes in junior high. However, you will need a pair of athletic (non marking) shoes for physical education and to participate on the sports teams. In the winter, you may want to bring a pair of indoor shoes so that you can change out of your boots.

What supplies do I need?

Check out the [general supply list](#).

Can I use my own Chromebook at school?

Yes! It is encouraged. Please bring your personal device to use at school. It's easy to connect to our network with your school username and password.

Am I allowed to bring a water bottle to and from each class?

Yes! There are bottle filling stations around the school.

Options and Flex

How many options do you get per term?

English stream students get 2 options per term and French Immersion students get 1 because they also take French Language Arts. In grade 7 all students also have to take the computer option in one of the terms.

Who will be in my options?

In each option class, there will be a mixture of same grade students from all of the different homerooms, from both the French Immersion and English classes.

What is the Flex program?

FLEX periods are an opportunity for students to choose their learning environment and to try something new, while meeting a variety of curricular objectives.

FLEX periods will also be used to host school assemblies and guest speakers, allowing for less core subject interruptions. Study hall, homework catch-up and missed test writing will also be offered.

Announcements will be made when FLEX sign-up is available. Students can access the sign-up form on the school webpage. They are encouraged to follow the instructions on the Google form carefully and to not sign up for the same thing twice. Students will be informed of the FLEX session by their homeroom teachers in the morning on Day 3. Students **may not** change out of their FLEX sessions.

Read more about Flex on our [Flex page!](#)

Physical Activity, Teams and Clubs

Do you have badminton?

Yes, badminton skills and game play are taught and practiced as a part of the physical education program and we also have a badminton team that you can try out for! In addition, badminton is usually played in intramurals at some point during the year, and Badminton Flex sessions are also offered at times throughout the year (usually around the same time as the badminton unit in PE). Learn more about our Athletics program on our [Athletics page](#).

Is there a hockey program?

We have offered a hockey option in the past. NAX Hockey has partnered with the school to hopefully offer hockey if there are enough interested students.

What clubs are there?

Check out our [Clubs page](#). More information will be coming soon!

Getting to Know the School

Will the new students get a tour of the school?

We are hoping to organize an in-person tour for August just before school starts. If it is possible, more information will be sent out to our feeder school families and will be posted on our website on the [Announcements page](#) and in the [New Student Information page](#)!

Will we get a map of the school?

Here is the [map of our school](#)!

What is your peanut butter policy?

Peanut butter is allowed in the school. Please make sure your parents have informed the school if you have any allergies so we can all work together to make an appropriate medical plan.

Are the teachers nice?

Yes! The teachers are so excited to meet you. They truly care and want to help students do the very best that they can. If you ever need anything, please reach out!

**There is more information in our [Student Handbook](#) and the Student Handbook [FAQ section](#)!
If you have any other questions, please let us know!**