



Dawson Creek Secondary School

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Parents/Guardians and students,

Thank you for your patience in awaiting information regarding the start of school. The past few weeks we have redesigned our timetable to accommodate the new cohort structure implemented by the Ministry of Education. We have worked to ensure that students will receive the academic classes needed towards graduation; however, it is not possible for us to ensure that every student has every elective class they requested in the spring. We ask for your willingness to work with us throughout the year when it comes to student schedules. We will have specific dates that will be communicated throughout the year for schedule changes.

Important schedule information:

1. *Once a student starts classes within a cohort, they will not be able to switch out of that cohort for that term.*
2. *There is limited capacity to change classes. Requests to be with friends and/or particular teachers will be very difficult to accommodate.*
3. *Students who have spare blocks throughout the year will not be permitted to remain on campus for their spare blocks. Arrangements will have to be made for the student to be picked up from the school for the duration of the spare.*

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Thursday September 10th, 2020

We will be staggering student entrance times on Thursday. Students will receive more information about their schedules on Thursday upon entrance to the school.

- Bus students will arrive between 10:20am and 10:40am. They will be greeted by staff at the bus entrance and will be given directions and information in the library.
- Please see map for entrance door locations
 - o 10:45am – Cohort 3 and 4 arrival time
 - o 11:00am – Cohort 5 and 6 arrival time
 - o 11:15am – Cohort 1 and 2 arrival time

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School Supplies

- Binder with paper, pens and pencils
- Recommended to bring a refillable water bottle

Terms

With the cohort timetable, we will have four terms, each term will be approximately nine weeks.

Term 1: Sept – Nov

Term 2: Nov – Jan

Term 3: Feb – April

Term 4: April – June

Cohort Entrances

Please see the map below for specific cohort entrances. We ask that people drop off their students off at the following drop off areas.

Drop off Area A

- Unchagah Hall Parking Lot
- Cohort 1 and 2 drop off

Drop off Area B

- Staff Parking Lot
- Cohort 4 and 6 drop off

Drop off Area C

- Behind the school
- Cohort 3 and 5 drop off
 - o Please enter off of 108th avenue on to Sam Wilson Way
 - o Please yield to bus traffic and stay to the left of the concrete barrier

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


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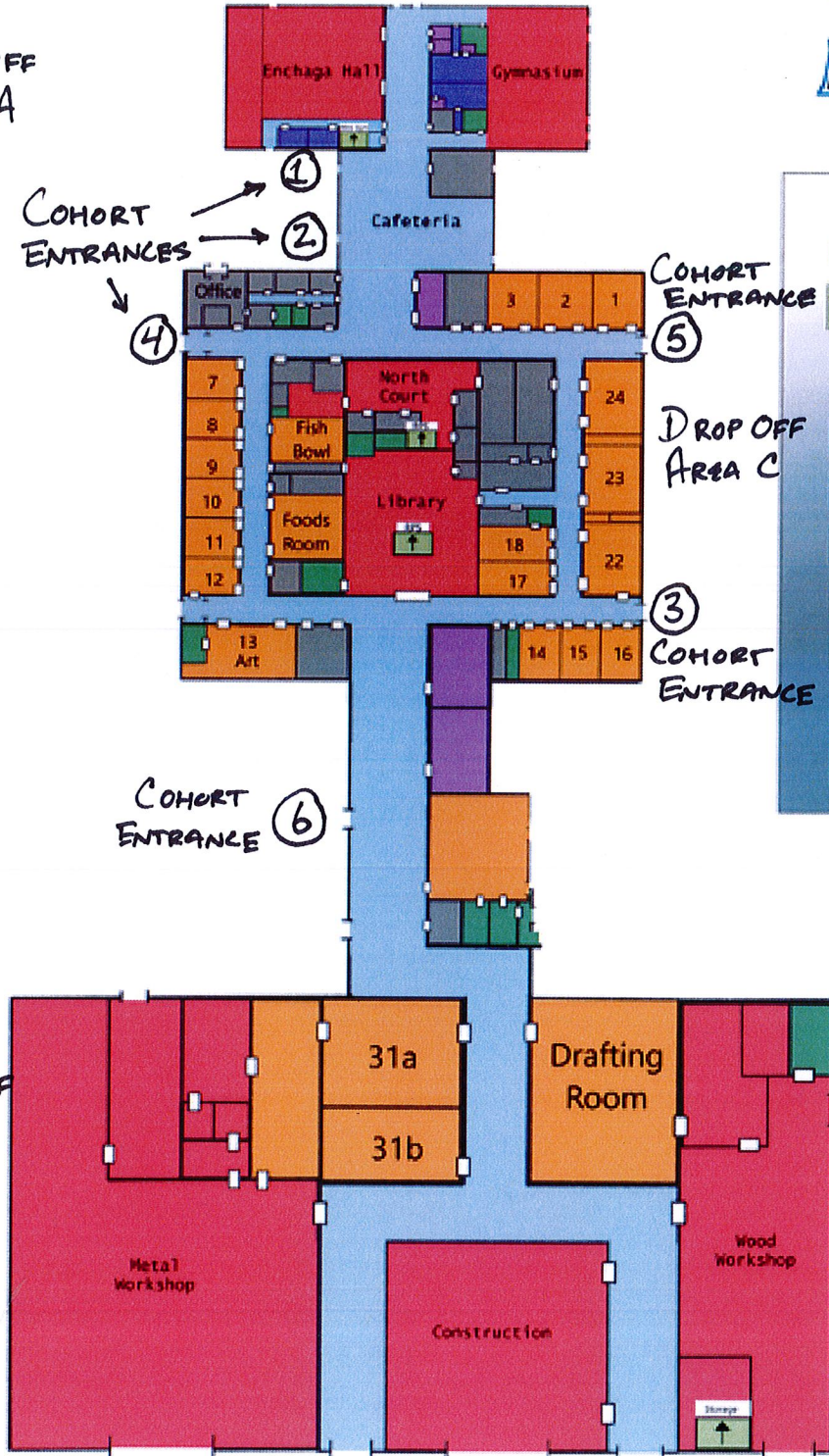
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15TH STREET

-  Entrances
-  Stairs
-  Outdoor Entrances
-  Teacher Facilities
-  Hallways
-  Classrooms
-  Specialized Rooms
-  Restrooms
-  Changerooms
-  Storage



Cohort Information

Our school is split into 6 cohorts. Students may change cohorts each term depending on the classes they are in. Each cohort will have a designated entry point and doors will be open at 8:40am each morning (With the exception of bus students who will be able to enter upon arrival). Upon entry to the school, students will sanitize their hands and proceed directly to their A block classes to reduce the volume of traffic in the hallways. Cohort doors will be locked at 9am. Late entries will have to enter through the concession sanitize their hands and proceed directly to their class.

Daily Cohort Schedule

Cohort 1 and 2

- These cohorts are reserved primarily for grade 10 students. There will be grade 11/12 students in the cohort when they are taking grade 10 classes. Those students would stay in the cohort for a term. In most cases, grade 10 students will stay in either cohort 1 or 2 for the entire year.

Cohort 3 – 6

- These cohorts are for our grade 11/12 students. Students and teachers will remain in a cohort for a term and may be in the same cohort for more than one term. There is flexibility at term breaks for students to switch cohorts depending on their course schedule.

We will have staggered lunch breaks for groups of cohorts. Please see the schedule below.

Cohort 1 & 2 – (Grade 10's)

- o 8:50 – 11:00 Block A (with flexible 10 min break)
- o 11:00 – 11:40 Lunch – designated area
- o 11:40 – 12:20 Complete A Block class
- o 12:20 – 3:10 Block B (with flexible 10 min break)

Cohort 3 & 4 – (Grade 11/12's)

- o 8:50 – 11:40 Block A (with flexible 10 min break)
- o 11:40 – 12:20 Lunch – designated area
- o 12:20 – 3:10 Block B (with flexible 10 min break)

Cohort 5 & 6 – (Grade 11/12's)

- o 8:50 – 11:40 Block A (with flexible 10 min break)
- o 11:40 – 12:30 Block B
- o 12:30 – 1:10 Lunch – designated area
- o 1:10 – 3:10 Block B (with flexible 10 min break)

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Safety Protocols

For more information, visit the [District 59 School Protocols for the Stage 2 Restart Plan](#)

Daily Health Checks

Parents and Guardians will need to complete the attached Daily Health Check (attached) for Students prior to sending their child to school. If you are keeping your child home because their sick, please contact the school so we can excuse them for the day.

If a student become ill during the day, parents will be immediately contacted and asked to pick up their child as soon as possible. The student will be asked to wear a mask and wait in the school sick room until the parents arrive. The school will not contact Northern Health Services. Parents will be asked to phone the 811 BC Health Line, and to contact their doctor. Parents must contact the school before sending the student back to school. If your child is a bus student and becomes ill at school, they will not be permitted to ride the bus home. In accordance with School District 59 policies, parents and guardians must keep their child at home until they have been assessed by a health care provider to exclude COVID-19 or other infectious diseases, AND their symptoms have been resolved.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

Non-medical masks are required to be used in situations where a person cannot maintain physical distance and is in close proximity to a person outside their cohort. The use of masks in high traffic and common areas, such as hallways, concession, buses, and anytime students are outside of their learning group is strongly encouraged. Upon entry to the school, we are recommending that students wear a mask in the hallway until they reach their classroom. This recommendation is made because there will be students from multiple cohorts in the hallways at the same time and in addition the hallways in our school are narrow and are difficult to physically distance in. Once students are in their cohorts, masks are not required. If a student chooses to wear a mask in class that is their choice and it is important to treat staff and students who make that decision with respect.

Guest Access

Guests must book an appointment to visit the school prior to entering the building. All guests must wear a mask when entering the school. Guests must report to the office at the office service window upon arrival. Guests will be asked to leave their name and contact information on a sign-in sheet for contact tracing. Guests are asked to practice physical distancing of two metres while in the building.

School Sanitation and Daily Sanitation Routines

Wash or sanitize your hands upon arrival. Students and staff wipe desks or use areas of the classroom with soap and water after use. High traffic and shared areas such as the cafeteria and library will be sanitized throughout the day by day-time custodial staff. Classrooms will be sanitized at the end of each day by custodial staff.

Student Washroom Use

Due to physical distancing restrictions the only washrooms available in the school are the ones at the north end of the school by the concession.

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Breaks and Lunch

Breaks and lunch times are staggered by cohort. During breaks, students are asked to stay in the building but to maintain physical distancing. Masks are recommended. During lunch, students may leave the building. If students stay in the school, they should practice physical distancing or wear a mask. Upon re-entry to the building students must sanitize their hands. Students will re-enter the building through the concession entrance.

Food and Drink

Students are encouraged to bring their own water bottle as water refill stations will be available, but the fountains will not. The concession will be open with restrictions for lunch only starting the week of September 14th. If students are bringing a lunch, there will be no access to microwaves.

Student Lockers

At this time, students will not have lockers at school and must carry their supplies with them. This will be revisited later in the first semester, especially as the weather turns cold.

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