



First Day: Tuesday, September 8
— Half Day for Students.

The 2026

BACK TO SCHOOL



Quick Reference Guide

Everything Abbotsford parents need for back to school – all in one place.

School starts **Tuesday, September 8, 2026.**

Before the alarms start ringing, lunches need packing and someone suddenly remembers they need a new backpack, here are the dates, links and information you'll want handy.



BEFORE SCHOOL STARTS:

5 THINGS TO CHECK

1. **Confirm your school.** Make sure you know your child's catchment school and where to find its website.
2. **Check your school's back-to-school updates.** Watch your email and school website in late August for opening-day schedules, supply lists and school-specific information.
3. **Confirm transportation.** If your child takes the school bus, check their ridership status and transportation information.
4. **Check school supplies.** Supply lists vary by school and grade.
5. **Kindergarten family?** Remember that Kindergarten follows a gradual-entry schedule and does not start with a regular full day.

WHEN DOES SCHOOL START?

First Day of School: Tuesday, September 8, 2026

The first day is a **half day for students**. Exact start and dismissal times may vary, so check your school's website before September 8.

[VIEW THE 2026-27 SCHOOL CALENDAR](#)

WHICH SCHOOL DOES MY CHILD ATTEND?

New to Abbotsford? Recently moved? Not sure which school is in your neighbourhood?

Use the Abbotsford School District's School Locator to find your catchment school.

[FIND MY SCHOOL](#)

STARTING KINDERGARTEN?

Kindergarten doesn't begin with a regular full-day schedule.

Abbotsford uses **Gradual Entry**, with shorter sessions and smaller groups during the first weeks of September. Each school will provide families with its specific schedule.

Full-day Kindergarten begins Monday, September 21, 2026.

[KINDERGARTEN GRADUAL ENTRY INFORMATION](#)

NEW TO ABBOTSFORD OR STILL NEED TO REGISTER?

It's not too late.

Families who still need to register a child should start by finding their neighbourhood catchment school and reviewing the district's registration information.

[SCHOOL REGISTRATION INFORMATION](#)

TAKING THE SCHOOL BUS?

If you've already applied for school transportation, final confirmation of your child's ridership status is expected **on or before August 28**.

If you haven't registered yet, regular open registration ended July 31.

Applications submitted August 1 or later will not be processed until October.

Questions about your child's bus?

Email: school.bus@abbyschools.ca

[BUS INFORMATION & FAQs](#)



SCHOOL SUPPLIES

There isn't one school supply list for the entire district. Lists vary by school and grade.

Visit your child's school website and look for its 2026-27 school supply list.

[FIND MY SCHOOL WEBSITE](#)



Parent tip:

Label the water bottle.
Label the lunch kit.
Label the jacket. Basically, if you want it to come home again... label it.

GOING TO BE ABSENT?

Sick day? Appointment? Away from school?

Abbotsford School District uses **SafeArrival through SchoolMessenger** to report student absences. Parents can report an absence online, through the SchoolMessenger app or by phone.

Phone: 1-844-487-3701

[REPORT AN ABSENCE / SAFEARRIVAL INFORMATION](#)

SCHOOL FEES & FIELD TRIPS

Abbotsford schools use **SchoolCashOnline** for school payments.

Parents can use it to pay for things such as field trips, athletics, clubs, spirit wear and other school fees – without discovering at 8:17 a.m. that your child needed \$20 today.

[SCHOOLCASHONLINE](#)



WANT TO BE MORE INVOLVED?

One of the best ways to stay connected to what's happening at your child's school is to get involved with your school's **Parent Advisory Council (PAC)**.

Every Abbotsford school has a PAC, and parents and guardians are encouraged to participate. Ask your school about its next PAC meeting or visit its website for more information.

[FIND YOUR SCHOOL](#)

WHAT IF MY CHILD IS STRUGGLING?

Back to school can be exciting – but it isn't easy for every child.

If your child is struggling academically, socially or emotionally, a good first step is to connect with your child's teacher or school. The Abbotsford School District also provides information about counselling and student supports.

[COUNSELLING & STUDENT SUPPORTS](#)

KEEP AN EYE ON YOUR SCHOOL'S EMAILS & WEBSITE

Late August is when many schools share important back-to-school details, including first-day schedules, supply information, Kindergarten schedules and other school-specific updates. Check your inbox and your child's school website before September 8 so there are no first-day surprises.

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