



River East Collegiate

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August 22nd, 2025

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Students of River East Collegiate,

On behalf of the staff of River East Collegiate, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the 2025–2026 school year. We are excited to begin another year of learning, growth, and community as Kodiaks, and we look forward to working together to ensure every student has a successful and rewarding year.

Please take some time to carefully review our **Welcome Back Information package**. This package contains important details about school expectations, upcoming events, supports available to students, and key procedures that will help ensure a smooth start to the year. We strongly encourage every family to read through this information in full.

We would also like to draw your attention to some **important information regarding the start of the school year**. On **Wednesday, September 3rd**, we will begin with a **staggered start and a shortened first day schedule** for all students in Grades 9–12. This schedule is designed to give students a supportive and structured re-entry, allowing them to meet their teachers, become familiar with their schedules, and prepare for a strong beginning to the semester. Full details regarding times and expectations are outlined in the Welcome Back package.

Wednesday, September 3 – Staggered Start / Shortened First Day Schedule

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We are confident that these adjustments will help set a positive tone for the year ahead. Thank you for taking the time to stay informed and engaged in your student's educational journey. Your partnership and support play an essential role in the success of our school community.

We are looking forward to an exciting year filled with learning, achievement, and Kodiak pride.

Warm regards,

Brian Locken
REC Admin Team

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WELCOME TO THE 2025-26 SCHOOL YEAR AT RIVER EAST COLLEGIATE

August 2025

INFORMATION FOR REC KODIAK STUDENTS AND PARENTS

In this package you will find important information about start-up, schedules, important dates and times, the REC Kodiak Attributes to which we aspire, and RETSD's Code of Conduct. Please take time to read the information in this package to ensure a great start to the 2025-26 school year.

Principal's Message

Welcome to all new and returning River East Collegiate students after what we hope was a relaxing and restful summer break. As the school year begins, we hope you will be an active learner and partner in all aspects of your school experience. A committed and balanced approach to your studies, and to the co-curricular and extra-curricular activities available, will enhance your high school experience. The friendships, experiences and memories will last a lifetime.

Triad System

Each student is assigned to a team or support TRIAD. The TRIAD is composed of an administrator, resource teacher and counsellor. When parents have a question, it will be directed to the TRIAD that is assigned to their child. TRIAD communication happens within our school to build a support network for students when our teachers have a concern about academics, attendance, or social emotional issues.

Grade 9: Kristjan Hunter (VP), Patricia Barker (Resource Teacher), Sam Andrade (School Counsellor)

Grade 10: Nadia Binda-Moir (VP), Lori Hunter (Resource Teacher), Stacey Occhino (School Counsellor)

Grade 11: Luke Klassen (VP), Helen Dawert (Resource Teacher), Sandra Severi (School Counsellor)

Grade 12: Brian Locken (Principal), Melissa Wakeling (Resource Teacher), Paul Anderson (School Counsellor)

Senior 5: Brian Locken (Principal), Sandra Resendes (Student Services)

DEN Advisors

Every student is assigned a DEN Advisor. The DEN Advisor will monitor the academic progress and graduation tracking of the students. The DEN Advisor will also be there to provide assistance, advice, and support. Students meet with their DEN on a regular basis. **Attendance is mandatory for students.** Please check on the Portal for your DEN.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3rd, 2025

This is the first day of school for all students in grades 9-12. We will begin with a **staggered start and a shortened first day schedule, see the table below**. This schedule is designed to give students a supportive and structured re-entry, allowing them to meet their teachers, become familiar with their schedules, and prepare for a strong beginning to the semester.

****PLEASE NOTE**** Grade levels have different timeframes for when students have activities at school. All students are attending a partial day on Wednesday, September 3. Please make arrangements for your child(ren) outside of their scheduled school activities.

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Student Fees

All students are to bring **\$50.00** for their student fee on the first day of school. Fees can be paid by cash or cheque. Please make the cheque payable to River East Collegiate. Online payment is not available this year. Fees must be paid in order to remain a Student in Good Standing.

Graduating Grade 12 and S5 students will be required to pay a **\$40.00 Grad fee** at the start of Semester 2.

An Art Fee of **\$25.00** is required for all Visual Arts students.

BASIC SUPPLIES REQUIRED: binders, loose-leaf paper, pens, and pencils. Information concerning other supplies needed will be shared on the first day of classes by the subject teachers. Students registered in Mathematics Intro to Applied and Pre-calculus 20S are encouraged to have a TI-84 Graphing Calculator; all other math students should have a scientific calculator. Pre-calculus students should also purchase their own graph paper.

Timetable

The timetable emailed to parents on Monday, August 18 (also available on the parent portal) shows the name of your DEN Advisor, the courses for which you registered, the names of your subject teachers, and the time slots for each course. Please be advised that some of the courses listed in the registration booklet may have been cancelled due to insufficient enrollment. School hours are 8:23 a.m. - 3:02 p.m.

River East Collegiate is an open campus. Students who are not scheduled for a class may leave the grounds; however, students are encouraged to make use of school facilities (cafeteria, library) during their lunch period and any unscheduled time in their timetable.

NOTE: When reading the timetable sent to you and/or found in the Parent Portal, the first 2 columns (Day 1, Day 2) are Semester 1 classes. The last 2 columns (Rotation 2 Day 1, Rotation 2 Day 2) are Semester 2 classes. Students will be receiving a hard copy of their PowerSchool timetable in Den on the first day of classes.

PARENTS/STUDENTS: Please check your timetable carefully to ensure that you are registered for all courses and that you have a **BALANCED TIMETABLE**. A balanced timetable usually means four courses each semester with a balance between required and optional courses.

PLEASE NOTE: School Counsellors will be available to make timetable changes prior to the start of the school year (August 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th) ONLY for students who meet the following criteria:

- (1) insufficient number of credits for graduation (for graduating students only)
- (2) needs arising due to a loss of a credit or failure
- (3) needs arising due to post-secondary plans
- (4) selected course does not appear on schedule
- (5) unbalanced timetable

Contact the office if requiring a timetable change based on the above criteria.

Due to the complexities of timetabling, we may not be able to accommodate your request and we will **NOT** change timetables to accommodate spare, course section (period), teacher or peer preferences.

Attendance Policy

1. Students are expected to be on time and to attend DEN meetings and all classes for which they are registered. School starts at 8:23 a.m.
2. Students engaged in a sanctioned school-sponsored activity will be marked "**excused absence**".
3. Medical, dental, or other appointments should be scheduled outside the student's classtime whenever possible. Vacations should be confined to school holidays.

Further information about River East Collegiate's guidelines and supports for attendance will be provided. (See attached document.)

18-Year-Old Students: Students reaching the age of majority during the school year **MUST** provide written consent to the office to allow us to continue to contact parents. Forms will be sent home the first week of the month of their birthday.

Computer and Media Release Policies

RETSD has two policies regarding instructional technology [Policy IJND](#), and [Policy Form IJND-E1](#) and media coverage, copyright permission [Policy KDDB](#) and [Policy Form KDDB-E1](#). Parents/guardians are assumed to be in agreement of both of these policies; forms to "opt out" of either the use of instructional technology or media coverage and copyright permission please click on the links above to obtain the forms. Please fill out the form, sign and returned to the school if this is not the case.

School Bus Transportation

School bus transportation is available for students outside city limits only. School buses depart from the east side of the school at 3:10 p.m. for students outside city limits. Contact the Transportation Department for more information (204.669.0202).

School Pictures

Professional photographers will take school pictures in the second week of school, September 8 (Grades 9 & 10) and September 9 (Grades 11 & 12). **All students** will have their pictures taken at this time for the yearbook and for a student transit I.D. card (as per divisional policy JRD). This card is required for Library and Internet access and there is no fee for this service. If you wish to purchase photo packages you must pay for them at the time the photographs are taken.

River East Collegiate Parking

A limited number of student parking spaces are available through a lottery process at the start of the school year. All students submitting their names for a student parking spot will be required to show a valid driver's license. Parking spots obtained through the lottery are non-transferable. Please note that no student may park elsewhere on REC property (no parking in staff spots/visitor spots/turnaround loop/etc.). Unauthorized parking on Chief Peguis grounds is also prohibited. **Offenders will be towed away from these locations at the owner's expense.** Only students with a valid student parking pass may park in the designated student parking lot. Students pay annual parking fees. Any student who brings a car to school is expected to drive in a safe and responsible manner. Failure to do so will result in suspension of parking privileges. The parking fee for the 2024-25 school year **was** \$220.00; this is subject to change for the 2025-26 school year and will be shared prior to committing to a parking spot. Parking fees must be paid by cash or cheque.

Ballots for the student parking lottery will be available from the office at the beginning of the school year (please listen for announcements). STUDENTS ARE NOT TO PARK IN THE STAFF PARKING or VISITOR PARKING LOT AT ANY TIME. Parking passes change from year to year. Students must hand in the previous year's pass to apply for parking privileges.

Participation in Hazing or "Freshie" Activities

The participation of students in any hazing or "freshie" activities is strictly prohibited by River East Transcona School Division.

At River East Collegiate we believe that students should always respect and support the safety, worth, and dignity of themselves and of others. The vast majority of our students understand, accept, and overwhelmingly support this belief. Hazing and freshie activities do not comply with this expectation and cannot be tolerated even in moderation. This also refers to activities that may occur after school hours and away from the school. While this has not been a problem at River East in recent years, we want to ensure that it does not occur at all, and we want to make our position clear to everyone.

Any REC student who participates in any activity of this sort will be suspended from school. Any offending student who wishes to be reinstated into REC will be required to attend a re-entry meeting with his/her parents to be held at the RETSD Administration Office. We encourage our students and parents to support the school's position on this matter and to inform us of any infraction.

Extra-Curriculars

The school offers a variety of extra-curricular activities, sponsored and supervised by volunteer staff members. Early in September students will have the opportunity to sign up for the activities of their choice and participate in intramurals. Students are encouraged to pay attention to daily morning announcements throughout the year.

Sports Teams

The school offers an outstanding arrangement of sports that are sponsored, supervised, and coached by volunteer staff members. Early in September students will have the opportunity to sign up for the activities of their choice or to try out for the interschool teams. Students are encouraged to pay attention to daily morning announcements throughout the year.

Please see the athletics section of our school website for information and practice schedules:

<https://www.retsd.mb.ca/rec/page/5031/athletics>

Cell Phones

To support student engagement in learning, River East Collegiate follows provincial guidelines for cell phone use in schools which include:

- Students in Grades 9–12 will be able to use their personal electronic devices for instructional purposes in class when directed by a teacher, and during breaks and lunch.
 - Each teacher will provide additional guidelines regarding the use of personal electronic devices for instructional purposes. When devices are not required for instruction, they should be secured out of sight.
 - Please note that teachers will also provide additional specific guidelines regarding the use of personal electronic devices during extracurricular activities.
- Staff will model responsible personal electronic device use for students by thoughtfully limiting the use of such devices to school-related matters while in the learning environment.

Manitoba Education and Early Childhood Learning has published the following Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) regarding the cellphone guidelines: [Guidelines for Cell Phone Use—FAQ](#)



Lifetouch School Picture Day – SEPTEMBER 8th (Grades 9 & 10), SEPTEMBER 9th, 2025 (Grades 11 & 12)

Meet the Teacher Evening – THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11th, 2025 (6:00 – 7:30 PM)

RECMAPA Annual General Meeting – WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17th, 2025 (6:00 – 6:30 PM)

Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Meeting – MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15th, 2025 (6:00 – 7:00 PM) - Library

REC SCHOOL BELL SCHEDULES

Regular School Schedule

WARNING BELL

	8:18
Period 1	8:23 – 9:30
Period 2	9:35 – 10:40
Period 3	10:45 – 11:45
Lunch/Period 4	11:50 – 12:50
Period 5	12:55 – 1:55
Period 6	2:00 – 3:02



Den Meeting Schedule

WARNING BELL

	8:18
Period 1	8:23 – 9:15
Period 2	9:20 – 10:15
Den	10:20 – 10:50
Period 3	10:55 – 11:45
Lunch/Period 4	11:50 – 12:50
Period 5	12:55 – 1:55
Period 6	2:00 – 3:02

***As a Kodiak I will BE
ON TIME AND
READY!***

Kindness
Optimism
Determination
Integrity
Ambition
Knowledge



What would a
KODIAK *do?*

Respect yourself, others, and the community.
Own your actions.
Accept everyone.
Ready to learn!



River East Collegiate–IMPORTANT DATES 2025-2026

(August 22, 2025)

(SUBJECT TO CHANGE, PLEASE CHECK THE REC WEBSITE CALENDAR)

September	
1	Labour Day – No School
2	Divisional Coordinated Day – No Classes
3	First Day of Classes – Day 2
8	Lifetouch School Photos (Grades 9 & 10)
9	Lifetouch School Photos (Grades 11 & 12)
11	Meet The Teacher Evening – 6:00 p.m. - 7:30
15	Parent Advisory Meeting (PAC) – 6:00 p.m. - Library
17	RECMAPA Meeting – 6:00 pm – REC Library
30	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – No School
October	
9	Divisional Coordinated Day – No Classes
10	Divisional Coordinated Day – No Classes
13	Thanksgiving Day – No School
15	RECMAPA Meeting – 6:00 pm – REC Library
20	Parent Advisory Meeting (PAC) – 6:00 p.m. - Library
22	Undergrad Awards evening – 7:00 p.m.
24	Coordinated Divisional Day (MyMTS Day) - No Classes
30	Lifetouch School Picture Retakes
November	
9	End of Quarter 1
10	Quarter 2 begins
11	Remembrance Day – No School
14	Semester I –(Q1) First Report Cards available on Portal
17	Parent Advisory Meeting (PAC) – 6:00 pm – REC Library
19	RECMAPA Meeting – 6:00 pm REC Library
20	Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences: 4:30 – 8:00 pm
21	School PD – No Classes
12 – 19	Lifetouch Grad Photos
December	
4	Winter Concert
4	Grade 9 Vision Screening at REC
8	Parent Advisory Meeting (PAC) – 6:00 p.m. – REC Library
12	LAST DAY – Voluntary Course Withdrawal Date for Semester One
19	Last Day of Classes – Early Dismissal – 2:02 pm
22 – Jan 2	Winter Break
January	
5	School Re-Opens – School Day 1

22-29	Semester 1 Adjusted Schedule
6-9	Grade 12 Provincial ELA Standards Test
14	RECMAPA Meeting – 6:00pm REC Library
19	Parent Advisory Meeting (PAC) – 6:00 pm – REC Library
20	Grade 12 Provincial Applied Mathematics Test
21	Grade 12 Provincial Essential Mathematics Test
22	Grade 12 Provincial Pre-Calculus Mathematics Test
30	Divisional Coordinated PD Day – No Classes
February	
1	End of Semester 1
2	Divisional Coordinated Day – No Classes
3	Semester 2 begins
6	Semester I – (Q2) FINAL Report Cards available on Portal
11	RECMAPA Meeting – REC Library
12	Open House at REC – 6:00 pm
16	Louis Riel Day – No School
23	Parent Advisory Meeting (PAC) – 6:00 – REC Library
March	
12 - 13	Brandon University Jazz Festival
10	Sprachdiplom DSD I written exam Grade 10
18	RECMAPA Meeting – 6:00pm REC Library
18	Parent Advisory Meeting (PAC) – 6:00 – REC Library
20	Divisional Coordinated Day – No Classes
27	Last Day of classes before Spring Break
23 – 26	Lifetouch Grad Retake Photos
30 – April 3	Spring Break
April	
6	School Re-Opens – School Day 2
10	Divisional Coordinated Day – No Classes
13	Parent Advisory Meeting (PAC) – 6:00 pm REC Library
15	RECMAPA Meeting – 6:00 pm REC Library
19	End of Quarter 3
20	Start of Quarter 4
24	Semester II – (Q3) First Report Cards available on Portal
30	Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences: 4:30 – 8:00 pm
May	
1	School PD – No Classes
4	AP Biology Exam 8 a.m.
5	AP Chemistry Exam 8 a.m.
6	AP English Literature and Composition 8 a.m. AP Physics Exam 12 p.m.
8	LAST DAY - Voluntary Course Withdrawal Date for Semester Two
11	AP Calculus Exam 8 a.m.

11	Parent Advisory Council Meeting (PAC) - 6:30 pm – REC Library
13	AP English Language and Composition Exam 8 a.m. AP German Language and Culture Exam 8 a.m.
13	RECMAPA Meeting – 6:00 pm REC Library
18	Victoria Day – No School
25-28	Grade 12 Provincial ELA Standards Test
June	
4	Jazz Concert
8	Parent Advisory Meeting (PAC) – 6:00 p.m. REC Library
9	Grade 12 Provincial Pre-Calculus Mathematics Test
10	Grade 12 Provincial Essential Mathematics Test
11	Grade 12 Provincial Applied Mathematics Test
12 – 19	Semester 2 Adjusted Schedule
23	Graduation Dinner and Dance
25	Convocation
30	Final report cards posted to Portal
30	Last Day of School – End of Semester 2



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RECMAPA
River East Collegiate Musical Arts
Parent Association

Welcome Music Parents 2025-26

The River East Collegiate Musical Arts Parent Association's (RECMAPA) purpose is to support and enhance both the choir and band music program. This renowned music program benefits our children, our school and our community.

RECMAPA works to support our music instructors and to establish a fund to supplement music equipment and instrument repairs, endow scholarships and offer opportunities for students to participate in clinics and workshops. RECMAPA also supports the staff and students by coordinating all concerts, applying for grants, and promoting the program in the community.

Our collective effort helps strengthen our children's musical education and enrich their learning opportunities. RECMAPA requests all parents to show their support by:

- **Paying an annual Music Fee of \$25 per family.** Please make out your cheque to **River East Collegiate (with a memo line indicating "RECMAPA")**. Send the cheque, along with the completed portion of the form below, with your child to give to his/her music teacher before the end of September. This Music Fee is **required** for students participating in the music program and will be **added to a student's account as an outstanding fee if not received before the end of September**.
- **Providing us with your email address(es).** All communications will be **via email**. This will include **newsletter communications, concert ticket requests and all other music communications**. This will allow us to provide you with timely information and reduce our paper and printing costs. We will have the ability to communicate with you if there are weather or other challenges prior to a concert or band trip.
- **Volunteering** to support the RECMAPA committee and assisting to organize the music concerts.

Join us at our RECMAPA meetings in the RIVER EAST COLLEGIATE Library. Our first meeting of the school year will take place on **Wednesday, September 17, at 6:00 PM.** This will also be our AGM and when we vote in our new executive. Subsequent meetings dates and times will be identified at this initial meeting. Visit us on the web at:

<http://www.retsd.mb.ca/school/rec/Parentsandcommunity/recmapa/Pages/default.aspx>

Volunteer With Us!

Here are some ways you can help...

- **Volunteer your time and talents on the RECMAPA Board**
 - Attend monthly RECMAPA meetings
- **Prepare Concert Tickets for Distribution**
 - Winter Concerts & Spring Concerts
- **Assist at Concerts (door hosts, programs, ticket sales)**





- **Assist with Fundraising Activities and Preparations**
 - Collect & Distribute Funds for Sobeyes & Other Gift Cards
 - Assist with Other Fundraisers as needed
 - Manage Student Accounts
- **Support Teachers**
 - Identify and Prepare Grant Submissions
 - Other Activities as Defined

Thank you for supporting River East Collegiate's musical program!

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****PLEASE DETACH AND RETURN THIS PORTION****

Contact information is requested from all parents.

Please complete this form and return it to the school with the music fee of \$25 per family. Your contact information will make it possible for RECMAPA to contact you to provide timely and important information.

Parent/Guardian Name _____ Email _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____ Email _____

All Student Name(s)	Grade(s)	Phone
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

_____ \$25 music fee is attached (cheque made payable to River East Collegiate – Memo: RECMAPA Fee)

Please note that music fees are due by September 29, 2025

_____ Please contact me to volunteer.



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Dear Families of River East Collegiate,

As we begin a new school year, we want to again highlight what we are doing as a school to support increased student attendance, which continues to be a main priority at REC. Research continues to show the importance of student attendance in relation to academic performance, student engagement, social and emotional learning, and teacher effectiveness.

Students who attend school regularly are more engaged in learning, have a greater opportunity to access school and community resources, have a greater sense of belonging, and are more likely to reach their full potential. Student presence and engagement is required for success. Student absence is a serious impediment to a student's educational performance and well-being. Absenteeism can have lasting negative impacts on student achievement, graduation rates, transition to post-secondary education, employment, and social inclusion, as well as on the community at large (taken from [A Policy Directive and Action Plan to Enhance Student PRESENCE AND ENGAGEMENT](#), 2023).

Attending classes regularly is critical for teachers to create a positive feedback loop that allows the collection of a triangulation of learning evidence, which includes student conversations, observations and products.

In the past, schools relied heavily on test and exam scores. Now we know that we need to look at many types of student work. To ensure the evidence of learning is valid (the extent to which the assessment measures what it was supposed to measure) and reliable (students producing the same kind of result at different times), and accounts for different types of learners, three main sources of evidence are considered:

- Observations are records of what the students are doing. Examples include formal/informal oral presentations, drama presentations, giving opinions, working with partners/groups and telling stories.
- Products are samples of student work. Examples include written tests, diagrams, stories, models and reports.
- Conversations are what students say about their learning, either face-to-face or in writing. Examples include class meetings, individual conferences, journal writing, self-assessment discussions and group conferences.

For more information, review our divisional assessment policy at:
<http://www.retsd.mb.ca/yourretsd/Policies/Documents/IKA.pdf>

Significant time is spent by classroom teachers, student services and administration to provide tiered interventions to support regular student attendance. Below are some of our Tiered Attendance Interventions that help frame both the importance, urgency, and response cycle connected to improving student attendance at REC. At each of the Universal, Targeted, and Intensive levels some or all of the interventions may be used to support students.



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River East Collegiate Tiered Attendance Interventions

Universal Interventions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School-wide focus on facilitating active student engagement across all learning environments via culturally reflective programming, inquiry models, student voice and choice, implementation of the <i>Framework for Learning</i> Universal mental health lessons focusing on social emotional learning, strategies for anxiety and resiliency Teacher Advisor (TA) reviews on importance of attendance Town Halls with grade levels to review expectations/importance of attendance Daily announcements, morning and afternoon, to be On-Time and Ready. Classroom reviews to allow for collaborative planning Dialer system informs parents daily of missed classes Classroom teacher phones parent/guardian to notify of missed classes (at 5 and 10 absences) and to discuss strategies to support attendance Creating welcoming and inviting classrooms and school common spaces Active supervision and attendance support in hallways at all times of day as per supervision schedule Extra-curricular activities and clubs to support engagement and belonging
Targeted Interventions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bi-weekly meetings with Administrator/Counsellor/Resource Teacher (Triad) to determine next steps for students struggling with attendance Bi-weekly attendance reports shared with Triad for students with more than 10 absences School-generated emailed letters at unexcused 10 absences inform parents when attendance concerns are becoming chronic Problem-solving with student/parents/guardians (phone call or meeting) by Triad and/or classroom teacher Implementation of student-specific interventions, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Triad meeting with student (and parent/guardian) about barriers/needs to inform an attendance plan; Share student schedule with Youth Care Workers/Safety Monitor to check in with students and support student in attending class; Review Student Specific Plans with teacher(s), revise as needed; Soft landings; Weekly/daily check ins with counsellor for skill-building; Check and Connect; Co-teaching by Resource Teacher with Classroom Teachers to implement new strategies; Two-by-ten strategy; Reinforcement systems; and Cultural programming built into schedule.
Intensive Interventions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parent meeting at 15 absences to discuss credit in jeopardy; collaborate on an attendance contract Alternate work settings Student Specific Attendance Plan Consideration of FLEX programming



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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Opportunities to make up missed work in additional scheduled study blocks• 1:1 support (EA or Resource Teacher)• Schedule changes• Attendance Officer• Referral to alternate programming setting• Creation of Behavioural Intervention Plan• Referral to School-based Social Worker to work with students and families• Utilization of outside attendance supports (eg. YES program, TRY program) |
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As referenced in the Tiered Interventions chart, please note the following:

1. Classroom teacher **phone calls to parents** to notify of missed classes (at **5** and **10** absences) and to discuss strategies to support attendance
2. School-generated **emailed letters at 10 unexcused absences** to inform parents that attendance concerns are becoming chronic *May be delayed as we transition to a new Student Information System*
3. **Parent meeting at 15 absences (excused and unexcused)** to discuss credit in jeopardy; collaborate on an attendance contract.

REC Triads

Grade 9: Kristjan Hunter (VP), Patricia Barker (Resource Teacher), Sam Andrade (School Counsellor)

Grade 10: Nadia Binda-Moir (VP), Lori Hunter (Resource Teacher), Stacey Occhino (School Counsellor)

Grade 11: Luke Klassen (VP), Helen Dawert (Resource Teacher), Sandra Severi (School Counsellor)

Grade 12: Brian Locken (Principal), Melissa Wakeling (Resource Teacher), Paul Anderson (School Counsellor)

Senior 5: Brian Locken (Principal), Sandra Resendes (Student Services). Adult students in regular S5 programming have committed/will be required to commit to an attendance and behavioural contract that details their responsibilities as adult learners at River East Collegiate.

We encourage you to talk to your children about our attendance policy and procedures and help them understand why they are so important.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support as we work together to create the best possible learning environment and experience for our students. As always, if you have any questions, you are welcome to contact us at the school.

Respectfully,

Brian Locken
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