

Robert Andrews School Hockey Program – Frequently Asked Questions

What is the nature of the hockey program at Robert Andrews School?	The hockey program is a skill development program designed to complement and supplement the Physical Education Program, meeting the same movement, safety and fitness outcomes. You can read more on the RA website by clicking HERE .
During which months does the hockey program operate	The program operates approximately from the beginning of October to the end of March.
How often are the hockey classes?	One time per cycle, for the equivalent of 1 school period.
What time of day are the hockey classes?	Hockey classes begin before the regular school day. Drop off time at the arena will be approximately 8:05 – 8:10. On-ice time begins at 8:30 am. Students are on-ice for 50 minutes, once per cycle, for the equivalent of 1 school period, including time for changing, showering, and travel. Students will walk back together at approximately 9:40 am. Bag pick-up will be at 9:35 am at the rink or after school until 6 pm. Students will still have 3 PE classes per cycle in school.
Do the classes/students play in games or tournaments?	No. This is a skill development program, not a team.
What equipment is needed?	Helmet with full cage, mouth guard, neck guard, shoulder pads, elbow pads, jersey, hockey pants, gloves, jock/jill, something to hold up socks (i.e. Velcro shorts), shin pads, skates and a stick. Stick and sock tape.
Can anyone at any level participate?	To meet the needs of all students, there will be two levels of programming. At the intro. level, students need to be able to stand, skate forwards and tie their own laces. At the established hockey level, students should be or have been involved in an organized hockey/ringette program outside of school as well as skate forward and backwards. **Each student will be evaluated on an individual basis. Students may be moved programs at the discretion of the instructor if it is deemed that it would benefit their development.
Are boys and girls together in the hockey classes?	Yes, the same way girls and boys are in the Physical Education classes together.
What time are parents able to pick up equipment after students are off ice and changed?	At the arena: approximately 9:35 a.m. At the school: after approximately 10:00 a.m. After school: until 6:00 p.m.
If needed, could the equipment be stored at the school if parents are unable to pickup that day?	In exceptional situations, the hockey equipment can be left in the room in the school designated for that purpose, but the school is not responsible should it go missing at any time.
Are they given time to shower after the on ice class?	They will be given 10-15 minutes to change and shower (if they choose) after the ice time.
Is it on a certain day of the week or does it go by school cycle?	The hockey program follows the regular 6-day cycle.
What happens if my child is absent for a hockey class, or it is cancelled,	Even though we try to keep conflicts to a minimum, there may be times when special events or events beyond our control, such as Field Trips, presentations, “snow day”, etc., will conflict with hockey classes causing the hockey classes

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	to be cancelled. Refunds will not be issued for these types of situations, or for student absence.
What happens if my child wishes to withdraw from the program?	Refunds will not be given for withdrawal from the program after the first scheduled on-ice session.