



# Lakeland Ridge Junior High General Information

*Welcome to Junior High at Lakeland Ridge!*

***“We are a community of passionate leaders and empowered learners who respect diversity, embrace innovation, and inspire excellence.”***

## **OUR SCHOOL**

For those new to our school community, welcome! We are proud of our Lakeland Ridge wolf pack. We are an inclusive, active, and engaged school community. Lakeland Ridge is a K-9 school, built in 2004. We are a modern school, well-equipped with technology and learning resources to support staff and students. We have a dedicated and caring staff who build strong relationships with students and hold student’s and themselves to a high standard. Parent involvement at Lakeland Ridge is welcomed and encouraged. We have an active School Council and Parent Action Society.

## **TIMETABLE**

Lakeland Ridge follows a 6-day, 6 period timetable. Each day will consist of six periods, period 1 will be 55 minutes, with periods 2-6 each 53 minutes in length. There will be four periods in the morning and two in the afternoon. There is no homeroom to start the day. Instead, period one is 55 minutes, making time for morning announcements.

## **OPEN CAMPUS**

At lunch time, we operate as an “open campus” for junior high students. This means that students in grades 7-9 have the option to eat at school or leave the school grounds at lunch time. Students who choose to eat at school will eat lunch in designated areas in the school for the first half of the lunch hour and then have unstructured free time for the second half of the lunch hour.

# JUNIOR HIGH PROGRAMMING

Programming for junior high students will remain the same as in the past. All junior high students will take a combination of “core” courses and “complementary” courses.

Core courses are courses that all students take as mandated by Alberta Education. They are English Language Arts, Health, Math, Physical Education, Science, and Social Studies.

Below are the number of blocks per subject in a 6-day cycle.

Subject	Number of Blocks in a 6-Day Cycle
English Language Arts	6
Math	6
Science	5
Social	5
Phys Ed	3
Health	2
Complementary Courses	9

Complementary courses are courses that are more often referred to as option courses. These are the courses that students choose based on areas of interest. Students at Lakeland Ridge take 6 complementary courses throughout the year. The complementary courses are split into 2 semesters, meaning students will take 3 complementary courses during Semester 1 (September - January) and 3 complementary courses in Semester 2 (February - June). However, if a student selects French, they will take French for the full year. Therefore, if students select French, this will count as 2 courses in their group of 6. Options offered include a variety of courses representing a diverse range of interest areas. There are also a number of low-cost options for families.

All fees charged for complementary courses are cost-recovery. The course fee covers supplies that are consumed during the course. The field trip fee covers the expected expenses of anticipated field trip(s). Field trips are excellent opportunities for students to experience the course’s learning outcomes in a unique way outside of the classroom. The field trip fee is paid at the beginning of the semester so teachers can plan and budget for the proposed field trips.

Registration information, including the option descriptions, fees, and option selection information can be found on the Lakeland Ridge website: [Grade 7](#), [Grade 8](#), [Grade 9](#).

## STUDENT ASSESSMENT

Student achievement in English Language Arts, Math, Science and Social Studies is represented with a percentage mark. In all other courses, Health, Physical Education and complementary courses, achievement is represented by a letter grade.

Using [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#), students and parents can access student achievement information. Teachers update PowerSchool regularly, enabling students and parents to review formative and summative assessments. If academic concerns arise, students or parents should address them first with teachers. Digital report cards are issued three times a year, in December, March and June. Student/parent/teacher conferences are held twice a year, in October and February. More information regarding Lakeland Ridge and EIPS assessment practices and policies can be found in our [Guide to Reporting Student Achievement](#) posted on our website.

Student success in the area of academic achievement is recognized in an annual awards ceremony. Information about award categories and criteria will be shared in the fall and posted on the school website.

## **EXTRACURRICULAR**

There are many extracurricular activities for students to be involved in at Lakeland Ridge. We have a strong athletics program with teams for cross country running, volleyball, basketball, badminton, handball, golf, and track and field. As well, we have an active intramurals program that runs during lunch that includes the Lakeland Hockey League. Athletic achievement is recognized in June in a junior high assembly. Excellence in athletics, athletic volunteerism, and intramural participation are celebrated during this assembly.

Lakeland Wolves Theatre Production puts on an incredible show each year, where students are encouraged to get involved on stage or behind the scenes. You do not need to be in Performing Arts to audition for the show.

There are many opportunities for students to become involved in helping our school and community. Students can apply to be a part of the Linking Generations program and/or participate in the multiple initiatives planned throughout the school year such as, Cash for Care, Mitten Tree, and the annual Food Drive. There are also multiple clubs that students can join such as the junior high book club, SAGA (Sexuality and Gender Alliance), and learning commons help.

## **SCHOOL SUPPLIES**

School supplies lists are available on the [Lakeland Ridge website](#). Lakeland Ridge School is continuing to offer school supply packages through Write-On Stationery for the 2023-24 school year. If you choose to participate, 10% of your total order will be returned to Lakeland Ridge School as a fundraiser.

## **LOCKERS**

All junior high students are provided a locker. Only school-issued locks are to be used on student lockers. Lockers are the property of Lakeland Ridge school and subject to search if required.

## **CELL PHONES**

In alignment with Elk Island Public Schools' Personal Communication Devices Board Policy 24, Lakeland Ridge has a [Personal Communication Device \(PCD\) Policy](#). Personal communication

devices (PCDs) are any personal digital devices that connect to the internet through WiFi, cellular network or other mobile devices.

Students in Grades 7 through 9 are not allowed access/use of a PCD at school at any time during regular school hours except during morning break (between periods 2-3) and during lunch hour. Devices that are brought to school are expected to stay in student lockers at all times except during the two aforementioned breaks.

The full cell phone policy along with consequences for not adhering to the policy can be accessed on the [Lakeland Ridge website](#).

## **ATTENDANCE/LATES**

At Lakeland Ridge School, continuous attendance is necessary to maximize student learning. In accordance with the Education Act, Section 7 and Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) administrative procedures, with the right to an education comes the responsibility for regular attendance. Regular attendance is primarily the responsibility of the student and their parents or guardians.

Caregivers are asked to contact the school if their child will be absent from school. A message may be left if the call is placed outside of office hours. Parents are also encouraged to contact the school in advance to alert the school administration of extended periods of absence. If the school is not notified regarding a student absence, a school secretary will contact a parent to confirm the child's absence.

Students are expected to arrive before the bell in order to be ready when the class begins. Should a student arrive at school after classes have commenced in the morning or afternoon, they should report to the office. The school secretary will record the time of the late and reason (excused with parent note) or unexcused. When students arrive late to classes not occurring first in the morning or afternoon, teachers will record the late.

The full attendance policy along with consequences for not adhering to the policy can be accessed on the [Lakeland Ridge website](#).

## **STAYING INFORMED**

To ensure you receive communications from Lakeland Ridge, please ensure that your information in [PowerSchool](#), specifically your email address and phone numbers, is up-to-date. Lakeland Ridge sends communications through email using School Messenger. We also update our [school website](#) and [Facebook](#) page with school information. You can also find Lakeland Ridge on [X \(formerly Twitter\)](#).