## **Policies 2025-2026**

At Education Plus, we have two simple rules: be here and do the work.

## **Attendance**

Our approach is hands-on and discovery-based. Much of our teaching is delivered orally, supported by visual aids such as videos, PowerPoints, and diagrams on the board. Student responses—what might traditionally be called homework—are often begun and completed in class, allowing teachers to ensure that learning has taken place.

Each day begins with **Current Events/Homeroom**, an integral class where announcements are made and news is discussed. This time also forms part of the Life Skills course, as students regularly deliver orals and presentations.

Punctuality and consistent attendance are not only academic expectations but also life lessons. Academic achievement is important, but our greater goal is instilling a strong work ethic.

- If a student is absent from 10 classes, they may fail the term
- If a student arrives after 9:30 a.m., they may occasionally find the doors locked
- If a student is not present **before an exam begins**, they will not be permitted to write the exam.

# **Work Completion**

Students are goal-oriented and actively engaged in their learning. Assignments, projects, and presentations are essential tools that allow students to participate fully in their own learning. Completing work on time is one of the most valuable skills we help students develop. Just as attendance is critical, so too is completing assignments.

To receive full instructions for assignments, students must attend class. As a follow-up resource, assignments and due dates are also posted weekly on our website (**edplus.ca**) for both students and parents to access.

- Deadlines for assignments and projects are firm and non-negotiable.
- Tests are given **once only**, regardless of the reason for absence.

Completing assignments demonstrates understanding. Passing tests demonstrates mastery.

#### **Active Living Program (ALP)**

All outings are part of our **Active Living Program (ALP)**. Rather than focusing solely on classroom theory, we take a practical, hands-on approach. To receive credit, students must attend outings and actively participate in both individual and group projects, including our running program. Outings are **not optional**.

## **Cell Phones**

Technology has transformed our world and continues to shape every aspect of daily life. While some technologies improve our lives, others can just as easily cause frustration. Cell phones fall into both categories. Outside of school, they can be a valuable tool, but inside the classroom they often disrupt learning. This year, the Ministry of Education has implemented a province-wide policy: **no cell phones in schools**. Although this may feel unrealistic at times, Education Plus is committed to upholding the policy. (We tried to allow students to keep them in their school bags, with no success!)

## To comply:

• Students will bring their tech (cellphones, headphones, smart watches, etc. to the office as they enter the school. They may pick them up if they are leaving the school for lunch and then at the end of the day.

If you need to reach your child during school hours, please call the school directly.