
H. A. KOSTASH SCHOOL HANDBOOK

2023 – 2024



“Encouraging Excellence Through a Curiosity for Life”

4815-54 Avenue
P.O. Box 630
Smoky Lake, AB T0A 3C0

Phone (789) 656 3820 Fax (780) 656 2122 Email hak@asperview.org

Mrs. B. Mykytiuk – Principal

Ms. A. Romaniuk – Assistant Principal

MISSION STATEMENT

H. A. Kostash School is dedicated to working with students so that students become knowledgeable, healthy, civically engaged, prepared for self-sufficiency, and ready for the world beyond formal schooling.

Mission: to provide an engaging education that focuses on learning goals, skill development, character building, and life-long learning.

HAK's VISION

This vision includes classrooms with students being actively engaged, teachers and Educational Assistants planning for differentiated needs, and staff involved in their own, ongoing professional development.

Our Commitments:

Student Learning: Students will focus on relevant learning experiences that lead to high quality student achievement.

Staff Learning: Staff will continue to be reflective, life-long learners, who strive to improve their practice.

Communication: We will commit and continue to improve open, active, ongoing and honest communication with students, staff, parents and the Aspen View community.

Culture and Climate: Promote and model safe and caring schools that demonstrate respect for our diverse community.

Social Emotional Needs: Help all students develop self-awareness and decision making skills to achieve school and life success.

Physical Needs: Promote and model active and healthy lifestyle choices.

Innovation: We commit to increasing technological literacy and 21st century learning, while expanding the practical application of technology in order to enhance student learning.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The H. A. Kostash School community extends a warm welcome.

This handbook outlines school procedures. Individual teachers may have specific rules that pertain to their own classrooms; however, many of the H. A. Kostash School's procedures have been designed so consistency and fairness are qualities that can be found throughout the school. The procedures outlined in this handbook are based on students' needs, Aspen View Administrative Procedures, and, the Education Act.

H. A. Kostash School has students from as young as 3 years in Great Beginnings to 18 years of age in grade 12. We also have a daycare facility in our building. We will use this handbook to guide our practices to ensure that everyone is part of our safe, welcoming, and caring environment.

You play a major role in your child's life and their opportunities to learn, and we hope this handbook will help establish a strong cooperative relationship to support the education of your child. Clear communication, clear expectations, and working together are key to success.

Teachers at H. A. Kostash School welcomes contact with you, so please feel free to contact the school at any time regarding school policies, your child's progress, or thoughts about your child's education. Report card conferences are a regular feature of the school year.

Should you or your child have concerns or questions, please refer to the teacher as your first point of contact. Parents or guardians, please call H. A. Kostash School at 780-656-3820 to request a return call or to arrange a meeting with the teacher(s) concerned. Most matters can be resolved at this level. If the issue cannot be resolved a meeting with the student, parent, teacher, and principal can be arranged.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this handbook please contact

me at the school at 780-656-3820 or email me at brenda.mykytiuk@asperview.org.

We look forward to working with you and your family this year.

Brenda Mykytiuk
H. A. Kostash School Principal

SCHOOL STAFF

Administration

Principal Mrs. Brenda Mykytiuk
Assistant Principal Ms. Ashley Romaniuk

ECS – Grade 6

ECS Miss Rianna Coutts
Gr. 1 Mrs. Cortnee Cunningham
Gr. 2 Mrs. Lisa Melnyk
Gr. 3 Mrs. Tracy Cherniwchan
Gr. 4 Ms. Tanya Pelech
Gr. 5 Mrs. Jennifer Ziprick
Gr. 6 Ms. Courtney Cherniwchan

Junior and Senior High

Mr. Niane Demba
Miss Sarah Feledichuk
Ms. Karen Holowaychuk
Mrs. Leah Johnson
Mr. Murray Lalonde
Ms. Meagan Ponich
Ms. Ashley Romaniuk
Mr. Craig Stinson
Mrs. Penny Tychkowsky
Mr. Hal Ziprick
Mrs. Jennifer Ziprick

High School Success Coach

Ms. Ashley Romaniuk

Administrative Assistants

Mrs. Donna Ketsa
Mrs. Lori Tychkowsky

Librarian/Virtual Coordinator

Mrs. Karen Chipchar

Educational Assistants

Mrs. Karen Chipchar

Ms. Jade Fedirchuk

Mrs. Christine Fleming

Mrs. Bev Jarema

Mrs. Roxanne Losier

Mrs. Carrie Melnyk

Mrs. Leanna Gray

Mrs. Kim Pritchard

Mrs. Donna Richards

Ms. Courtnee Kushner

Mrs. Peggy Zatorski

Mrs. Susan Arsenault

Colony School Teacher

Mrs. Chantayne Fisher

Custodial

Mrs. Adeline Bezboridka

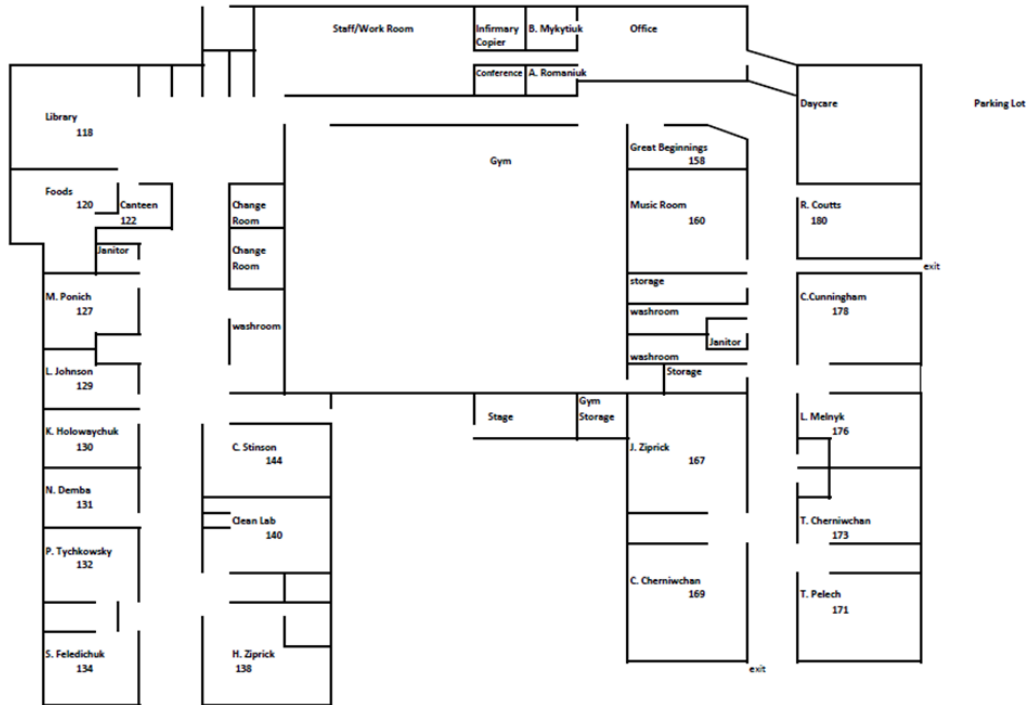
Ms. Cynthia Chambaud

Mrs. Jacqueline Smith

H. A. Kostash School

2023-2024

North Bus Lane



OPENING EXERCISES

As per Aspen View Schools administrative procedure 208, O'Canada will be played as part of the opening exercises on Mondays. Students whose family values or religious beliefs conflict with these exercises may be excused from participating. Please contact your homeroom teacher, who in turn will inform the principal, if you wish to make alternative arrangements. Once a week, administrators will acknowledge that our school is on Treaty land.

ASSESSMENT REPORTING

H. A. Kostash has moved to paperless recording of marks. At any time, parents may access PowerSchool. This is a web based program that tracks attendance and student progress. If you have not signed up, contact the school office for access to PowerSchool.

Grade twelve students who are enrolled in courses, requiring them to write a diploma exam, will be able to access their marks on MyPass. Please contact the school office for more information.

Student appeals of teacher awarded marks should be made in writing within one week of regular reports being issued, or within 30 days of the final report card for that course.

PROMOTION POLICY

Grades K-9

Students are promoted to the next grade level at the end of each school year. If there are concerns regarding the mastery of outcomes, communication should be made between teachers and parents. If necessary, a student may be placed on an Individual Program Plan (IPP). This is a plan designed by teachers and approved by parents. It specifies approaches and modifications that may be used in order to help students achieve success. If parents decide on non-promotion, a written request must be submitted to the principal.

High School

At the high school level students must earn a mark of 50% or higher in order to get credit for the course. A mark of 50% must be achieved before a student can move on to the next level of the course.

Career and Technology Modules must be totally completed before credits will be awarded.

Grade 12 students must achieve a combined school/diploma exam mark of 50% or better to pass the course.

FIRE DRILLS

Fire drills (6) and lockdowns (4) will be held throughout the school year. It is against the law for students to pull a false fire alarm. Suspension from school, criminal charges, and fines of \$500.00 could be the consequences of a false alarm.

During fire drills, students will calmly evacuate the building, move away from the building, and meet at a designated area away from the school. The teacher will take attendance. Under no circumstances will anyone return inside the building until an all clear signal is given.

During lockdowns, students will follow the instructions of their teacher and remain quiet until the all clear signal is delivered.

Students will keep their phones on silent or in the preferred space of the teacher or staff member. Staff will keep their phones on silent.

LOCKER AGREEMENT

Students may use lockers in the school for no charge. Lockers are the property of Aspen View Schools, and at no time become the property of a student; therefore, students may not write on or damage the lockers in any way. If lockers are damaged or defaced by the student, then the student will be responsible for any cleaning, repair work or replacement costs. Charges will be invoiced by the maintenance department.

INCLEMENT WEATHER AND SCHOOL CLOSURES

Buses will not run if the outside temperature reaches -40°C or less. The school will be open, unless the School Board makes a decision to close the school for safety reasons. School closures will be announced on the radio stations whenever possible.

If early departure is necessary due to a blizzard or unforeseen events, parents will be contacted if possible to make arrangements for the care of the child. No child

under 12 will be allowed to return to an empty house. Bus drivers will ensure that someone is at home before dropping off the student.

In an emergency evacuation situation at school, students will be taken to the County Shop, Smoky Lake Complex, or another safe location. The buses will pick them up there. If students must be sent home, every effort will be made to contact parents, and no child under 12 will be sent to an empty home.

RESOURCE FEES AND TEXT RENTAL

Resource fees at HAK are determined by Aspen View Schools Policy 19. They are due at the beginning of each school year. These fees stay in HAK School and are used to fund student programs.

Current fees can be found on our website at the link below.

<https://www.aspenview.org/common/pages/DisplayFile.aspx?itemId=13717472>

Great Beginnings \$12 per day

Additional Fees may be assessed throughout the year.

Supplies and materials, such as pencils, pens, binders, calculators, and notebooks are to be supplied by the student.

Textbooks or Chromebooks that are damaged or lost while under the care of a student will be paid for by the student.

Grade 10s and 11s are to be registered as full-time students with a full timetable as the timetable allows.

Any grade 12 students who choose to take distance learning, virtual courses, or spare periods are still registered as full-time students and are required to pay the full resource fee.

Additional Fees

Fees may be charged for field trips, sports activities, yearbooks, picture plans, etc.

Welcoming, Caring, Respectful and Safe Learning Environments

Please refer to the Education Act, Sections 31, 32 and 33.

Students are entitled to welcoming, caring, respectful and safe learning environments that respect diversity and nurture a sense of belonging and a positive sense of self.

Section 1(1)(d) of the Education Act states that:

“bullying” means repeated and hostile or demeaning behaviour by an individual in the school community where the behaviour is intended to cause harm, fear or distress to one or more other individuals in the school community, including psychological harm or harm to an individual’s reputation.

Students

Section 31 of the Education Act states that a student shall conduct himself or herself so as to reasonably comply with the following code of conduct:

(c) ensure that the student’s conduct contributes to a welcoming, caring, respectful and safe learning environment that respects diversity and fosters a sense of belonging;

(d) respect the rights of others;

(e) refrain from, report and not tolerate bullying or bullying behaviour directed toward others in the school, whether or not it occurs within the school building, during the school day or by electronic means.

Parents

Section 32 of the Education Act states that a parent of a student has the responsibility

(d) to ensure that the parent’s conduct contributes to a welcoming, caring, respectful and safe learning environment.

Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week

Section 35.1 of the Education Act states that:

- (1) The 3rd week in November in each year is Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week.
- (2) The purpose of subsection (1) is to promote awareness and understanding of bullying and its consequences in the school community.

STUDENT DISCIPLINE

Philosophy

Student discipline is necessary for maintaining an effective learning environment, and to assist students in developing self-control and appropriate behavior. H. A. Kostash is dedicated to the overall vision of excellence for each student as well as providing an inclusive environment that is safe and conducive to learning. Individuals will not be allowed to interfere with this aim. This policy is in effect for all board sponsored activities in the classroom, on the buses, and during out-of-school events.

Supporting Documents

Section 31 of the Education Act states that, A student, as a partner in education, has the responsibility to

- a) attend school regularly and punctually
- b) be ready to learn and diligently pursue education
- c) ensure that the student's conduct contributes to a welcoming, caring respectful and safe learning environment that respects diversity and fosters, a sense of belonging
- d) respect the rights of others
- e) refrain from, report and not tolerate bullying or bullying behavior directed toward others in the school, whether or not it occurs within the school building, during the school day or by electronic means
- f) comply with the rules of the school
- g) cooperate fully with everyone authorized by the board to provide educational programs and other services.
- h) account to his teachers for his conduct
- i) positively contribute to the student's school and community.

Section 36 of the Education Act gives the principal or designate the right to suspend a student from school for violations listed in Section 31.

Aspen View Policy

According to Aspen View Schools administrative procedure 355, suspension and expulsion shall be considered when a student:

- a) exhibits open opposition to authority
- b) exhibits willful disobedience
- c) habitually neglects duty
- d) uses improper or profane language
- e) engages in conduct potentially injurious to others
- f) engages in bullying or harassing behavior
- g) willfully damages school property
- h) exhibits behavior that interferes with school or Division approved activities
- i) exhibits behavior prohibited by other administrative procedures
- j) exhibits behavior inconsistent with Section 12 of the Education Act

Discipline Procedures

The following procedures and steps are designed to offer a consistent framework under which to administer discipline. The steps are firm, but are not meant to be absolute. Each case must be weighed and acted upon according to the circumstances surrounding it, and the individual student's previous discipline record.

Minor Offenses

Minor offenses include behaviors such as the following:

- a) showing disrespect for others
- b) disrupting class
- c) not working on assignments
- d) being late
- e) littering
- f) being in an out of bounds area
- g) play fighting
- h) being unprepared for class or
- i) having incomplete assignments
- j) minor vandalism
- k) breaking basic classroom rules

Consequences for minor offences, depending on circumstances and severity, may include one or more of the following results:

- discussion with student
- working cooperatively with parent(s)/guardian
- written letter
- loss of school privileges
- in school suspension

Major Offenses

Major offenses include infractions such as the following:

- | | |
|---|---|
| a) dishonesty (lying or cheating) | l) insulting students, staff, parents, or guests |
| b) theft or other criminal offenses | m) fighting |
| c) vandalism | n) defiance |
| d) required withdrawal from class | o) harassment |
| e) intimidation or extortion | |
| f) smoking/vaping/chewing tobacco on school property/school sponsored events/busses | p) swearing at students or staff or swearing in general |
| g) making threats | q) not being in compliance with Section 31 of the School Act or Aspen View Public Schools AP 330 and/or 355 |
| h) carrying weapons | |
| i) false fire alarms | r) obscene or insulting gestures |
| j) improper use of vehicles | |
| k) possession or use of drugs/alcohol | |

Severity and history of student conduct will be considered when applying consequences. Students may be suspended. If behaviors are not corrected, a hearing before the discipline committee will be requested with a recommendation for expulsion. Counseling will be requested in an attempt to change behaviors.

Students must comply with the phone usage and internet as written in the technology agreement.

Vandalism

Students who vandalize school property or the property of other individuals will be required to make restitution for the cost of the damaged property. The vandal(s) will also be charged for any labor involved in repairing the damaged property. Criminal charges may result in more serious cases; however, all cases will be looked at on an individual basis.

Class Suspension

Section 36(2) states: A teacher may suspend a student from one class period.

Smoking/vaping/alcohol violators will spend the rest of the day on an in school suspension and a one day out of school suspension. Should a student be found selling cigarettes or vaping equipment and supplies, he/she will be placed on a 2 day out of school suspension. If a student repeats these offenses more severe consequences will be put into place.

In School Suspensions will be spent in a supervised area in the school. The student will serve recess and lunch breaks in the same, supervised area.

Out of School Suspensions will be served at home. A suspension prohibits the student, who is suspended, from attending any school sponsored activity such as sports, dances, or meetings; from riding the school bus; or from being on school property. This ban is in effect twenty-four hours a day (including weekends) for as long as the suspension is in effect. Students under suspension who ignore these conditions will be charged with trespassing.

Discipline and Extra Curricular Trips or Field Trips

Field trips, including sports trips, and home and away tournaments are considered an extension of school. Students who participate in sports or field trips are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that conforms to regular school rules.

Students who show a pattern of inappropriate behavior in not conforming with the rules of the classroom may be required to have a parent or guardian attend the field trip with them.

Students who do not observe school rules, bus rules, or rules of the sport may be excluded from field trips or playing on school teams. A teacher or coach has the right to exclude a student from participating if that student has had previous disciplinary infractions.

Students who do not represent our school well and do things such as insult students from other schools, verbally abuse speakers, officials or audience members, etc. may be excluded from further sports trips or field trips for up to one school year.

Poor attendance may also result in a student being eliminated from any of these events. Classroom teachers will discuss attendance with students and a final decision will be made at the discretion of teachers and administrators.

Any student on a Board sponsored activity is subject to sanctions including suspensions for any inappropriate behavior. If a student is not passing courses, and it is deemed that the sport interferes with his or her studies, the student may be asked to withdraw from a team.

Searches and Interrogations

If suspected of wrongdoing, a student may be directed to empty pockets, knapsacks, purses, desks, lockers, etc. Any search which is part of a criminal investigation will be conducted by the police or in accordance with the Youth Criminal Justice Act.

Lockers are considered the property of Aspen View School Division and not the property of students; therefore, searches of lockers may be conducted.

Lockers will be made available on the condition that the school reserves the right to search and repossess the locker at any time without notice. The principal may direct a locker to be searched. It is desirable that the student be present when his or her locker is searched.

High School Exam Policy

Students who are absent for exams, without having a valid reason for being absent, may receive a mark of zero. Decisions regarding marks will be at the discretion of classroom teachers as stated in their course outlines.

BUS RULES AND REGULATIONS

Because of the number of students riding school buses, standards are necessary for the well-being and safety of all bus passengers. The following rules and regulations are a summary of Aspen View Schools administrative procedure 356 and its appendix.

1. Students riding on a school bus shall be under the immediate supervision and authority of the driver from the time they are loading until they are discharged at the school and similarly on the return trip.
2. Students are expected to comply with the “Rules of Conduct” displayed in each bus for view by all riders.

3. Students must obey the bus driver. The driver has full authority.
4. Bus drivers shall review the rules with students on their route.
5. Students have a right to ride on the bus to and from school in a safe and quiet manner.
5. Students will be assigned to a seat by the bus driver, and will sit in their assigned seat when riding the bus.
6. There are some items that cannot be transported on buses. The following are examples only, and should not be viewed as the total list of those items; skates without blade protection or appropriate casing, hockey sticks, hockey bags, skate boards, skis, large band instruments, large school projects, curling brooms etc. It should be recognized that the intent of restricting these items is directly related to safety concerns, as well as, the space and comfort of all students.
8. Students are expected to be on time for loading and discharge.
9. Students are expected to exhibit behavior that would be acceptable in a classroom.

For more detailed information see the following link:

<https://docushare.aspenview.org/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-213395/AP%20356%20Discipline%20on%20School%20Buses.pdf>

Student Misconduct Form

If a student displays unacceptable conduct on the bus, the bus driver has the right to demand better behavior from the student. If the actions of the student are more serious, a Misconduct Form will be completed and discussed with the principal or assistant principal. The principal or assistant principal may suspend any student from the bus who misbehaves while on the bus. Section 36 (3)(c) of the Education Act.

STUDENT TRANSPORTATION IN PRIVATE VEHICLES

Students may be transported in private vehicles to and from extracurricular activities as long as the following conditions are met.

1. A transportation form from policy 551-1 has been completed by the driver.
2. The driver is at least 21 years of age.
3. The driver holds a valid license for the class of vehicle to be used, and a copy of the license is left at the school administration office.
4. The driver's insurance company is notified of the driver's intent, and a minimum of one million dollars of coverage, although a minimum of two million is recommended, is covered in the policy.
5. The parents grant permission for their child to be transported by vehicle (Form 551-2).
6. The driver has a criminal record check on file.
7. The requirements outlined in Administrative Procedure 491 are followed.
8. Proper documentation must be completed in its entirety prior to departure.

LEAVING SCHOOL GROUNDS

Students in grades 10 – 12 have permission to leave the school during lunch hours and are not required to sign in or out of the school. If a student must leave during regular school hours, he/she must sign in and out of the school as applicable. It is important that we have accurate attendance to ensure the safety of our students.

Grade 7 - 9 students must bring a note, signed by their parents, indicating that they have permission to leave school at lunch time.

Elementary students are not permitted to leave school premises without permission. If parents want their child to leave the school premises, they should call the school at 780-656-3820, or send a note with the child requesting permission to leave the school. The homeroom teacher must have confirmation of the parent's request before the student leaves the school grounds. During the beginning of school start up at the new H. A. Kostash location students will be using Kin Park for recess until the new playground structure is completed.

Parents assume responsibility for the safety and conduct of their child once they allow their son or daughter to leave the school premises.

LOST AND FOUND

All school supplies and items of clothing such as boots, mitts, and shoes should be labeled with the child's name. All items found will be displayed in the appropriate space for a few days and then held until the owner claims it, or until the end of the school semester. All items will be donated at the end of the school year if they have not been claimed.

BRINGING PERSONAL PROPERTY TO SCHOOL

Please refrain from bringing any extra items other than what is listed below.

Students are welcome to bring computers, tablets, and phones from home; however, the child is ultimately responsible for the care and supervision of his or her property. It is not the school's responsibility to replace or repair any damage to an individual's computer, tablets, phones, etc.

If a phone is taken away from a student for more than 80 minutes, it will be placed in the office for safe keeping.

CANTEEN (If available)

During designated times (recess, break and lunch), all students have access to the canteen. The canteen provides beverages, snacks and small meals.

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

The School Board has purchased a basic plan of accident insurance covering each full-time student. This plan has been made available at no cost to the students of Aspen View. The basic plan is only in force during regular school hours or any school approved and school supervised activity. Parents may extend the basic plan to cover all injuries 24 hours per day, every day, including summer vacation and other school breaks at their expense. Brochures, including price lists, are available at the school at the beginning of each school year.

HEALTH SERVICES

Public health concerns are often referred to the Smoky Lake Health Unit. Phone 780-656-3595 to contact the health unit.

Head Lice

The goal of this procedure is to prevent the contraction and spread of head lice in the school and has been designed in accordance with Aspen View Schools administrative procedure 318.

1. If a trained volunteer suspects a student of having head lice, the student will be removed from the classroom, his or her parents will be contacted, and they will be asked to pick up the child. They can then make arrangements to have the student checked at a health unit. All students in that class will receive a note, asking parents to check their own children for head lice.
2. Any student sent home with head lice must be treated with a proven, effective medical treatment before he or she can be readmitted to school. If the student does not have a medical note to prove that he or she has been treated, the student will be checked by a trained volunteer upon returning to school.
3. In the event that head lice are spreading through a class, trained volunteers will conduct classroom checks. All volunteers must have a criminal record check, be discreet, and maintain confidentiality.
4. Head lice checks may occur whenever deemed necessary by the school.
5. Parents who wish to be present during the check, or have a medical professional conduct the check may do so; however, they must inform the school at the beginning of the year. If the check is completed outside of the school, a note from the medical officer must be produced before the student is allowed to return. If a parent wishes to be present while the check is being completed, he or she must be at school by 9 am.
6. Students with confirmed cases of head lice must be checked again after 10 days.
7. Confidentiality is an extremely important factor. People on this team who break rules of confidentiality will be removed from the head lice check team.
8. If there are ongoing concerns about particular cases not responding or being compliant with therapy, school administration shall inform the Public Health Authority of these concerns.

ACCIDENT OR ILLNESS

1. In the event of a minor accident or illness which doesn't require moving a student to a medical facility, the student will be treated at the school and parents will be contacted if necessary. Examples of minor injuries include bumps, small cuts and nausea.
2. If the student's condition warrants further medical treatment, parents will be contacted and asked to take the student to a medical facility.
3. If the need for medical attention is immediate, the student will be taken to the nearest hospital, and parents will be contacted. Examples of injuries requiring immediate medical attention include broken limbs, severe cuts and severe allergic reactions.
4. If the need for medical attention is immediate, but the student should not be moved without professional medical help, an ambulance will be called. Examples of these injuries include unconsciousness or back injuries.

ADMINISTERING MEDICATION

Aspen View Schools administrative procedure 316 is summarized below:

While administering medication to students is not a responsibility of schools, staff members may be requested to do so. The administration of medication may be done only after:

- a) the use of the medication is prescribed by a physician; and
 - b) other reasonable options, such as self-administration or parental administration, are determined to be impracticable; and
 - c) a properly completed and signed Request for Administration of Medication to Student and Release form (Form 316-1) has been received from the parent and approved by the principal; and
 - d) the principal has determined that sufficient resources are available in the school.
1. Requests to administer medications to students during school hours shall be in writing, using the forms available at the school. The medication must be in the original prescription container, clearly labeled and specifying the name of the medication, instructions regarding the dosing schedule, method of administration and storage information (including any expiry dates).
 2. No employee shall administer medication unless condition #1 has been met.

3. All medications shall be kept in a secure location.
4. The principal shall keep a record of all medications administered.
5. The parent shall advise the principal immediately, in writing, of any changes in medication or medication scheduling.
6. It is the responsibility of the parent or guardian to make arrangements for the transportation and dispensing of medication if the child is on a field trip or extracurricular activity. Please make these arrangements prior to the activity.

SUPERVISION OF ELEMENTARY STUDENTS

Bus supervision is provided during arrival and dismissal of students. Students are supervised at recess and noon breaks. School doors will be open at 8:35 a.m. Students should not be dropped off before the doors are open. Classroom teachers supervise the dismissal of students from their respective classes. All students are expected to go directly home upon dismissal. In the occasional event of a child being detained at dismissal time, the parent or guardian will be notified.

SCHOOL COUNCIL OPERATION

Each year parents will be given the opportunity to form a School Council which will act in an advisory capacity to the school principal and the board. A meeting will be held within the first 20 school days of each school year. The majority of parents attending this meeting will decide whether or not to form a school council *or* an advisory committee. A minimum of seven parents is required at the first meeting before a council can be officially established.

WAIVERS AND PERMISSION FORMS

Parents or guardians registering students in school will be asked to sign permission forms. The first is in relation to the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FOIP). Parents/guardians must sign the form in order to allow student work to be displayed in the school. This allows a poster or a piece of art work to be displayed.

The second permission form allows for students to take walking field trips such as to the local fire hall, to the skating rink, etc. Any trips requiring transportation will be dealt with on an individual basis. Each one requires parental permission.

The third is the technology use agreement.

The fourth form is for any students taking Growth and Development in Physical Education and Wellness or Theme 5 in Health class.

COMPUTER NETWORK ACCEPTABLE USE

The use of the internet at school is a privilege granted to students. It is not a right; therefore, the use of the internet may be removed if students violate the terms of the agreement. Students at H. A. Kostash School will adhere to the following guidelines:

1. Technology is defined as all electronic devices, telecommunications, networked services and cloud services.

2. Acceptable use is defined as a responsibility of each user of Division or school technology to ensure that such use supports educational activities consistent with the Division's mission and goals, and complies with the information security requirements of the Division.

The following activities do not meet acceptable use criteria:

- Committing illegal or unethical acts, including any use of technology to plan or carry out acts of fraud, theft, harassment or vandalism, or to damage or destroy digital information or information resources.
- Transmitting or gaining access to any material that breaks copyright or material protected by trade secret, or committing plagiarism of information.
- Transmitting or gaining access to obscene or threatening material, written or pictorial, including but not restricted to material that contains or promotes pornography, racial supremacy or ethnic hatred or violation of human rights.
- Using Division technology for unauthorized commercial activities by for-profit organizations.
- Using Division technology for unauthorized product advertisement.
- Creating or uploading unlawful material using Division owned or accessible technology.
- Conducting activities that are wasteful of technology resources or that degrade or disrupt technology performance, including other technology accessed on the internet.
- Sending messages that include profanity, vulgarities, or any other inappropriate language, including sexual, racial, religious or ethnic slurs, or any abusive, threatening or otherwise offensive language.
- Revealing, without consent from the person(s) affected, any personal addresses, phone numbers or identifying information of other persons or

otherwise invading their privacy.

Additional Information for network users

- All printing must have prior approval from the supervisor.
- All emails sent or received on a school computer are considered school division property and may be accessed by school personnel.
- All students must sign an “Aspen View Schools; Parent Permission Form and Technology Code of Conduct User Agreement.”
- Vandalism of computers or network systems through intentional damage; careless or neglectful use; or by the loading of viruses or unauthorized software will be paid for by the user. This will include parts and labor.
- The use of the school network and the Internet is a privilege, not a right. Any infraction of the rules may/will result in the loss of the use of the network.

TECHNOLOGY USER AGREEMENT

Each student and parent is required to sign a user agreement regarding the proper use of the internet.

VIEWING OF RECORDS

Student records are open for viewing by parents or guardians. They can be viewed by making an appointment with the school secretary or the principal.

Personal information will not be released to any other individuals or agencies other than legal guardians with the exception of basic information required by Aspen View Schools or Alberta Education.

Information will be released in accordance within the guidelines set out in the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

APPROPRIATE DISPLAYS OF AFFECTION

Student couples must observe a level of discreteness in the school. Kissing, extended hugs, sitting on each other's laps, etc. is not seen as appropriate in the school setting. Repeated disregard of this rule, may result in further disciplinary action.

DRESS CODES AND REQUIREMENTS

It is appropriate for students to wear items that will enable them to feel comfortable throughout the course of the day; however, it is equally important for them to dress in a respectful and dignified manner. We are asking families to monitor the clothing selection to ensure that it is appropriate for school wear. Students deemed to be wearing inappropriate apparel will be asked to change, add layers of clothing, or arrange for replacement clothing. No undergarments should be shown. Clothing and accessories with wording or graphics, which are vulgar or clothing with the symbol or name of a substance deemed hazardous to one's health, are unwelcome. Breaches of any component of the dress code will result in the student being asked to change their clothes. Parents may be contacted to bring in appropriate clothing.

Headwear

Students may wear hats in the hallways during school hours or at after school events. Junior and senior high students are able to wear hats during classes excluding the gymnasium. Elementary students are only allowed to wear hats in the hallways. Students must remove their headwear during the National Anthem and Land Acknowledgment.

Clothes suitable for running and exercising should be worn during physical education. This would include T-shirts, sweat pants or shorts and shoes.

All shoes, jackets, mitts, etc. should be labeled with some form of identification that the student can use to identify lost or stolen property.

Suitable footwear should be worn according to weather conditions. All students are asked to remove wet or muddy footwear at the entrances. Shoes or slippers are to be worn at all times while in the building. This is not only for health reasons, as fire drills or real evacuations may occur at any time.

OUTDOOR POLICY

Elementary students will be asked to go outside during their recesses and lunch break provided the weather is not inclement. Students should be dressed appropriately for the weather in order that they may play outside. The following temperatures, including wind chill, are used:

- 20 C Green – students will go outside
- 25 C Yellow – Students can stay inside if they choose

-26 C Red – students will remain inside

Supervisors use the Weather Network, including wind chill, to determine the current temperature.

STUDENT COUNCILS/LEADERSHIP

The junior and senior High students have an opportunity to help organize student activities. These activities may range from spirit days to mentorship. These groups will be supervised by a staff member and encouraged to be ambassadors for our school.

Students with a record of misbehavior or poor attendance in school may lose the right to attend school activities such as dances, performances, sporting events, etc. if the staff or coaches feel that the student might have a negative influence on the event.

Student Dances: Governing Rules

1. Dances are school sanctioned events, therefore, all school policies and rules are in effect.
2. Doors will remain open for only a certain period of time (usually 7:30 – 9:00p.m.). Students may not enter later than 9:00 unless pre-arrangements with a teacher supervisor has been made prior to the dance. The student must provide an expected time of arrival and a reason for being late with his or her request for late admittance.
3. All guests must be pre-registered with a teacher supervisor prior to the end of the last school day before the dance.
4. All volunteer supervisors must be approved school volunteers and fill out the appropriate forms. This information and forms required can be found at the school office.

STUDENT VEHICLES

Students who are licensed to drive may bring vehicles to school provided that all laws and school rules are obeyed. Students who break the law will be reported to the police.

Students using the parking lot must fill out an application and return it to the school with a parent/guardian signature.

There are legal implications with students who transport themselves to and from the school. Once the student leaves the school grounds in a vehicle, the parent assumes responsibility for the student. Buses have the right of way. No student vehicle shall cut in front of a school bus.

Students may not transport other students to school sponsored events/activities. Parental permission is required for students to transport themselves to any school sponsored events/activities. Failure to follow the rules may/will result in the loss of school parking privileges.

Parking is only allowed in the designated parking areas.

Inappropriate or dangerous driving may/will result in the loss of parking privileges.

Students who park on school property in areas other than the student parking lot may have their vehicle towed away and be charged for the towing fees.

SPORTS PROGRAM

All sports will be determined using AHS and ASAA guidelines.

H. A. Kostash promotes activity through an intramural program in grades 4-12, a physical education program, and inter-school sports activities.

Any outside coaches and volunteers fall under volunteers and require a Criminal Record Check, Vulnerable Sector Check and Intervention Check. Coaches and volunteers must be approved by the principal before working with students.

AWARDS DAYS

Elementary Awards

A variety of virtue awards are given out on a monthly basis for elementary students.

Junior High Awards

Junior high awards will be presented in June of the current school year. Junior high awards will be based on the student's marks in June.

Honors for junior high students will be based on an 80% or higher average in the core subjects of math, science, social, and language. Merit awards require a mark of 75% to 79%.

Awards may also include individual course awards, sports awards, and citizenship awards, most improved student awards, arts awards and achievement test awards. Criteria for these awards will be established by the teacher(s) of the course.

Senior High Awards

Awards for each school year will be presented in June of the current school year.

All awards will be based on students registered at H. A. Kostash School. The Extranet Course printouts from Alberta Education will be used to determine the student’s eligibility for awards.

In any course where a government exam is mandated, the blended final mark will be used for individual course awards and in the computation of a student’s academic average.

Students attaining an Honors standing (80% and above) in any subject will be recognized for their achievement. In CTS courses, the mark will be the average of the modules completed in the semester.

GRADE 10	GRADE 11	GRADE 12
English 10 Social 10 Math 10 Science 10	English 20 Social 20 And top three marks from: Math 20 Physics 20 Chemistry 20 Biology 20	English 30 Social 30 And the top 3 marks from: Math 30 Physics 30 Chemistry 30 Biology 30

For the calculation of Merit averages (75% to 79%), the criteria mentioned above will be used.

Awards may include the following:

- Honors awards (80% or higher) (excluding special projects and work experience)
- Sports awards
- Specialty awards

A \$300 award will be given by Aspen View Schools to each grade 12 student who has achieved an average of 80% or higher based on the criteria in Administrative Procedure 370.

A \$500 award will be given by Aspen View Schools to each grade 12 student who has achieved an average of 90% or higher based on the criteria in Administrative Procedure 370.

The students' average must be based on the highest marks earned in Grade 12 level courses in a minimum of 25 credits. Five of these credits must be in English. Special Projects and Work Experience are excluded.

All eligible courses must be for a minimum of 5 credits each. In the event of 3 credit courses, two may be combined and will be considered as a 5 credit course. CTS modules bundled in 5s at the 30 level will also be eligible.

Rutherford Scholarships, from the Alberta Government, are available to students in grades 10 – 12 for academic excellence.

CAREER COUNSELING SERVICES

Our career counselor, Ms. Romaniuk, is available to meet with students. Due to timetabling constraints, students are required to book an appointment to discuss their needs.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

In order to graduate from high school, a student must obtain 100 or more credits. The following criteria must be met:

- English 30-1 or 30-2
- Math 20-1, 20-2, 20-3, or 20-4
- Social 30-1 or 30-2
- Science 20 or 24 or Biology 20 or Chemistry 20 or Physics 20
- Physical Education 10
- CALM 20 or Life Skills
- 10 Credits in any combination: CTS; or Fine Arts or Second Languages; or PE 20 or 30; or Knowledge and Employability; or Registered Apprenticeship courses.
- 10 Credits in 30 level courses other than English and Social: courses can include CTS at the 3000 level; or 35 level work experience; or two 35 level Apprenticeship courses.

Eligibility to graduate will be determined at the beginning of September each year once grade 12 diploma results have been received.

PROM ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS

Students who plan to attend prom in their senior year must be registered grade twelve students. It is expected that a grade twelve student will have eighty credits at the end of his or her grade eleven year. School Administration may investigate and determine prom arrangements based on extenuating circumstances.

WORK EXPERIENCE PROGRAMS

Students may earn credits through work experience in the school or at a place of business. The student must be registered as taking work experience and a suitable placement must be found. HCS 3000 is a prerequisite for Work Experience.

Add the other course required and preference for Gr 11-12 students. Coming soon...

GREEN CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

Students may work on a farm, including the family farm for credits. This program must be registered for through the school.

There are several Safety Modules that must be taken in conjunction with this program.

REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM (RAP)

This is a program in which students spend part of their time in school and part in industry as registered apprentices in one of Alberta's 52 designated trades. Students enrolled in RAP courses are considered full-time high school students and registered apprentices. The hours that the student spends at work with a certified journeyman are credited toward apprenticeship.

Compulsory safety modules are a component of this program.

Online Programs

Students are encouraged to take courses through the regular school program. If distance education courses are applied for by students, they can be arranged

through the school. The student must pay for the course upfront (Performance Bond). If the student passes the course, the money will be refunded by the school. If the student fails to successfully complete the course, the student will lose his or her money as no funding will be received by the school for credits earned.

FINAL EXAMS AND ACHIEVEMENT TESTS

All grade 6, and 9 students will be required to write achievement tests at the end of June. These tests must be written on the day scheduled by Alberta Education. Students in junior high and high school will be required to write final exams at the end of core courses and other courses as set out by teachers. These exams must be written at the scheduled times as set out by the staff at H. A. Kostash. Students who miss final exams for reasons other than documented medical or crisis situations will be assigned a mark of zero for the exam and the final mark for the course computed accordingly.

CELL PHONE AND DEVICE USE

Background: If used responsibly, electronic devices such as cell phones and tablets can be very useful tools. They are important during emergencies, for research, and for sharing information needed to complete assignments. Unfortunately, there are many negative uses for electronic devices which become a distraction to many students. They can be improperly used for communicating ideas not related to classroom activities, playing electronic games, and for cyber-bullying. Thus, a policy that provides for proper use of electronic devices is required and needs to be followed.

During exams, no student shall have access to cell phones or personal devices of any type (digital or analogue) unless that device has been approved in advance by the test administrator as being part of a test accommodation. During the exam, all electronic devices not approved by the test administrator must be turned into the teacher/administrator or locked in the student's locker. All calculators having electronic storage ability are to be cleared by the instructor prior to writing an exam requiring that calculator's use.

The classroom teacher may allow the use of electronic devices for certain assignments. If permission is given by the instructor, the device shall be used only for the purpose outlined by the teacher.

Pictures or videos are not allowed in the washrooms or changing rooms. If pictures are taken during a class, they must be with the prior approval of the

instructor and permission must be obtained from each of the individuals who may be a subject in the photograph.

Students who do not follow the rules and procedures outlined above shall have their cell phones or electronic devices confiscated. Consequences may include parents picking up the device or those as seen in major offenses. If a phone is taken away from a student for more than 80 minutes, it will be placed in the office for safekeeping.

If a student must be contacted for any reason during class time, parents/guardians should contact the school office and the message will be relayed to the student. For emergencies only, the student will be contacted immediately in the classroom.

FIELD TRIP ATTENDANCE

Unless a student is excused from the trip for acceptable reasons, or is withdrawn from attending due to discipline or attendance concerns, then the student should attend educational field trips.

Fees may be charged for a field trip. If a student cancels out the field trip, funds collected for the trip may or may not be refunded. If advance tickets were required when the trip was booked, refunds will not be given by the school.

Subject to Change

Administrative Procedures, Policies and Rules are subject to change without prior notice.

WE WISH EVERYONE A VERY
SUCCESSFUL SCHOOL YEAR!

If you have questions, please feel free to contact the school
office at (780) 656-3820.



Revisions for 2024-2025

1)