



GILBERT PATERSON MIDDLE SCHOOL

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INFORMATION regarding the registration of new students moving to Lethbridge and residing in our school boundaries

If you are new to the Lethbridge for the 2020-21 school year and live in our boundaries or are a French Immersion student looking to register for grades 6-8, please call the school office (403-329-0125) for more information on registration. Currently, we are able to register existing students in Lethbridge School Division starting May 8th through PowerSchool. We are waiting on a common district wide form update due to the Co-Vid situation that we hope to have on our website in mid to late May.

Important reminder for any new French Immersion students to Lethbridge School Division – Gilbert Paterson is the only middle school in the Division that offers French Immersion programming so you will register here regardless of where you live in the city. As a result, bussing is provided from the different areas of the city for students in this program.

INFORMATION regarding the registration of out of bounds students

Gilbert Paterson Middle School is pleased that you are considering attending our school in the fall. We are very proud of the programming that we offer, as well as the unique and special culture that you will find within our building. We are always excited when families show an interest in attending Paterson.

If you are looking to attend Paterson in the fall, there are a few important pieces of information that you should be aware of regarding our registration process:

Due to changes in the provincial funding formula for schools, we cannot guarantee acceptance to out of bounds students as we have in the past. Instead, out of bounds students may still fill out registration packages, but **they will be placed on a waiting list until mid June**. At that time, we will look at our existing class sizes and decide if we can accommodate your request to attend.

If you have just moved to Lethbridge **or** are new to the Lethbridge Public School District (including students from the Lethbridge Holy Spirit School Division), **or** if you are applying from an out of bounds area within Lethbridge for English programming, please call the school office to be placed on a wait list or to find out more information. (403-329-0125)

If you are applying to come to Paterson from out of bounds and are willing to be put on a wait list until the new school year, **you must talk to your designated middle school that you are zoned for** and let them know. They will want you to fill out their forms and go through their option selection process as you normally would, just in case we cannot accept you in the fall.

Our official registration opens on **Friday, May 8th** for our existing Paterson students and incoming grade 5 students.

Under normal circumstances, we would love to invite any new or prospective students to come and tour Paterson to get a feel for what we are about and the different programs that we have available. Unfortunately, that is not a possibility currently. We hope that we will be able to accommodate visitors at the end of summer when our office opens August 19th. We invite you to call the office at this time to see what protocols are in place.

Sincerely,
Darryl Christiansen - Principal