

SIR ALEXANDER MACKENZIE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

2021 - 2022 KINDERGARTEN FAQ SHEET

How can I contact the school?	Please contact SAM school on 780-459-4467 with any questions at any time, you can also email us @ sam@spschools.org We will be happy to help.
Which classes do you have available for kindergarten? What are the hours?	AM 8:53am – 11:42am PM 12:48pm – 3:30pm Full Day 8 :53am – 3:30pm
How old does my child need to be?	Five years of age by December 31, 2021
Which documents are required?	As a parent/legal guardian, Alberta Education requires legal verification of the student's legal name and age. A student's birth date and legal name can be verified using the following documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Canadian provincial birth certificate ▪ Canadian citizenship document ▪ Passport ▪ Student visa ▪ Landed Immigrant or Permanent Residency documents
When can I register my child?	Online registration opens Monday, 1 st February 2021
How do I register my child?	Complete the on-line registration form, at St. Albert Public school's website, follow this link: https://www.spschools.org/district_operations/registration
What happens after I complete the on-line form?	You will receive an email from SAM School, when your application has been approved, to confirm your child's registration.
Can I change my child's kindergarten class after I have registered?	Changes to registrations, will only be accepted if there is space available to accommodate your child in the class you wish to change to.
How much are the registration Fees?	AM/PM/Full Day: \$25 Activity Fee AM/PM/Full Day: \$157 Field Trip Fee (tentative) Total \$182/year SAM School Full Day students additional \$320/month for 10 mths (This monthly District fee is consistent throughout all St. Albert Public Schools)
When do I need to pay?	Student fee invoices will be sent home in September 2021 with the PowerSchool Parent Portal letter. This web-based Parent Portal allows parents to pay school fees, view student attendance, communicate with teachers and view the SAM School Bulletin.

When do I need to pay the monthly fee for full day students?	The monthly fee of \$320 is due on the 1 st day of each month. Installments can be created in your Power School Parent Portal.
When is Staggered Entry?	September 1 st , 2 nd , and 3 rd 2021 At the beginning of the school year, your child will participate in teacher-determined small group settings. This practice facilitates a gentler introduction to the more formal school setting and promotes greater student-teacher interaction. Bussing will not be available for these sessions.
How do I know when my staggered entry is?	In the 1 st week of July Kindergarten packages will be mailed out to parents/guardians. This package will contain your staggered entry date and time specific for your child.
When do regular classes start?	Tuesday September 7 th , 2021 Regular classes will commence (after the small group sessions) and bussing will be in effect on that date.
What does my child need to bring on their first day?	Indoor shoes, snack, water bottle https://samschool.spschools.org/for_parents/supply_lists
Does my child attend school everyday?	Kindergarten children do <u>NOT</u> attend school on staff meeting days, which fall on the first Wednesday of each month except September. Nor the Fridays before winter and spring break.
Will my child qualify for bussing?	For more information regarding bussing, please call transportation at 780-460-3712. Bussing will commence when regular classes begin.
What is in the Kindergarten package?	When you receive your kindergarten package it will contain the following information: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Your child specific staggered entry date and time 2. Get Ready For Kindergarten Information Booklet 3. Important Dates: Mark Your Calendar 4. School Supply List 5. Kindergarten Information for Parents 6. Introducing My Child to Kindergarten Teacher sheet 7. How do I Prepare my Child for Kindergarten? 8. Kindergarten Calendar 9. Bell Schedule 10. Transportation FAQ 11. SAM Fundraising Society information 12. SAM Family Handbook
What should I do if I do not receive my package?	Please contact SAM school office on 780-459-4467 or email sam@spschools.org . SAM office will re-open Monday, 23 rd August, 2021