

Abbotsford School of Integrated Arts North Poplar Campus

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The Integrated Arts Program

Our program at North Poplar is based on an Integrated Arts philosophy. Students will experience a fusion of the core curriculum: Language Arts, Social Studies, Science, and Math, and the four arts: music, drama, dance, and visual arts. They will also experience direct instruction in those four arts throughout the school year. Artists-In-Residence are invited into the school to provide opportunities throughout the year for North Poplar students to work on exciting projects with working professionals in the arts community. We have assembled an outstanding staff for the North Poplar campus ensuring an outstanding educational experience for all students.

Our Mission

Explore

Express

Excel

Engage

Our Vision

To instill a passion for learning, a love of the arts, and the knowledge and thinking skills that will allow students to pursue their goals and fulfil their dreams.

Definition

Arts Integration deepens understanding and enhances student achievement. It deepens student creative thinking abilities while nurturing arts-based skills that makes sense of academic curriculum. It provides opportunity for all students to represent their learning with multiple media while cultivating joyful experiences connections and relationships.

Artist in Residence

The Artist in Residence or AIR program is facilitated and needs to be approved by the PAC (Parent Advisory Council). Each year we are encouraged (and funded) to bring in outside art experts (ie. dancers, visual artists, theatre professionals etc.) to help teach us new skills. After school Creative Clubs supports our Artist in Residence programs. Details will come during the year.

PODS

We typically work in POD or groups of 2-3 classes. Each POD could be composed of Arts Specialists: Visual Arts, Drama, Dance or Music. Therefore, at any given time there may be 2-6 specialists in each of the Arts in the school. Each Art Specialist is asked to teach their art to their POD integrating with curriculum from other subjects as much as possible

Parent Participation

A.S.I.A. North Poplar is an Abbotsford School District Program and does not have a catchment. Parents make a choice to apply for their children to attend. The program at ASIA requires extra parental support and participation in events and activities, such as POD Presentations, Musicals, and Drama's, and the Art Show and Sale. These events are unique to ASIA North Poplar and require attendance and support.

Student Drop Off and Pick Up

Parking and congestion are a challenge. The following is information to help families navigate our limited traffic and parking space.

The following are recommendations to help minimize stress and maximize safety at drop off and pick up times:

1. Use the drop off zone in front of the big tree closest to the staff parking lot. For the safety of our students we ask that you let your child(ren) out on the school side of the car, please do not let them out into traffic or ask them to cross the street. It is a "DROP-OFF" so parents/drivers remain in their cars and move along.
2. Park on the other side of the 3-way stop on Marshall or down Meadow Street and walk in.
3. Use the parking stalls at the Ramada Hotel that are designated for ASIA North Poplar and cross the street using the cross walks. There is a walkway that comes down to the school from the overpass to the staff parking lot which makes for a two-minute walk over if you get the lights in your favour. Note: The Abbotsford Hotel is located kitty corner to the school at the corner of Clearbrook and Marshall Roads.
4. Or walk if you live within walking distance

The Alpine Motel continues to graciously allow our parents to pick up and drop off before and after school. When doing so please comply with the following:

- 1) Please do not stop or park in the liquor store delivery loading area
- 2) Please do not stop or park in the stalls designated for handicap parking
- 3) Please do not stop or park in front of the front doors of the motel
- 4) Please keep your children safe driving slowly and cautiously through the parking lot

Please be aware that The Best Western has notified us that they do not permit parents to stop or park in their parking lots. We ask that their request is respected. Please be aware that failure to do so puts you at risk of having your vehicle towed.

Reporting Lates/Absences

Please report all absences and lates to the office either by telephone or by entering the absence through the school website at <https://abbotsford.schoolcashonline.com/>.

Website and Events Calendar

We encourage families to refer to the school website at northpoplar.abbyschools.ca for information, updates and the school calendar of events.

School Cash Online

We ask all families to sign up and use the district online payment system at <https://abbotsford.schoolcashionline.com/> for all North Poplar initiated payments i.e. field trips, tickets etc. This minimizes the risk of lost payments.

Munchalunch

The PAC uses Munchalunch for fundraisers and hot lunches. It is a way for parents to be able to pay online. We ask families to sign up and register at <https://munchalunch.com/schools/AsiaNorthPoplar/>

Consequences

North Poplar is a Restorative Action school. We resolve differences through a process of negotiation and collaboration believing that this process adds value to our school community. Our community believes that competency in conduct or behaviour is something that is taught at school and each student's growth and development, each student's actual competency, is on a continuum, with some students exceeding expectations, some students not yet meeting expectations, just as there is a wide spectrum of competency in academic subjects such as math or language arts.

Dress Code

The following expectations for student dress at North Poplar Campus apply both on school grounds and at school-sponsored activities either on or off campus. Students who do not meet Dress Code expectations will be asked to replace or cover up inappropriate articles of clothing.

- Clothing should be appropriate to a working / learning environment, and should not be distracting to others
- Hats and sunglasses will not be worn in the school
- Clothing items and accessories should not be distracting, offensive, or unsafe, nor promote the use of alcohol, tobacco, drugs, inappropriate language, racism, or otherwise be in poor taste
- Students will wear 'inside shoes' in the school
- No "heelies" or shoes with wheels will be worn on school property

Electronic Devices

No use of cell phones or any personal electronic entertainment device is permitted on school grounds without teacher permission and monitoring. These items must be stored in backpacks if brought to school. If such a device is used on school property without permission, it will be confiscated and returned to the student's parents at the discretion of school administration. There is an available phone in the office for student use.

Code Of Conduct - District Wide

The Code Of Conduct for North Poplar Campus is included at the end of the Student Handbook. Please review it carefully before coming to school in September. We expect the highest standard of behaviour from our students.

Personal Items at School

- Student cellphones are to be off and stored during the school day.
- No wheels including "Wheelies".
- No expensive items or items that are important to your child.

Gum

Gum is generally not allowed at North Poplar. This is under the discretion of the classroom teacher.

Closed Campus

North Poplar is a **Closed Campus**. This means that students cannot leave the campus during the day. ALL visitors to our campus must sign in at the office and get a VISITOR badge. If you see a person on our campus who is not wearing a VISITOR badge and is not a student or staff member of North Poplar, inform the office immediately.

Students may not leave the campus during the school day unless they are signed out in the office by a parent or guardian.

Nutrition Policy

Our school Nutrition Policy reflects that of our school district. Increasing awareness of the links between nutrition and overall health, particularly among youth - and also the evidence concerning how nutrition affects student behaviour and academic performance - has led our staff to seriously consider the food and beverages offered to our students.

Nut Aware School

We are a Nut Aware school which means we are vigilant about the forms in which nuts can come in, such as candies, granola bars, baked goods, etc. We ask you to consider peanut/nut alternatives for individual student lunches and snacks out of consideration to our children with severe, life threatening allergies.

Absences

Student absences are recorded and are followed up on due to our concern for student safety. As per policy parents and guardians will receive notification of absences and lates when student attendance is of concern.

Tardiness

All students are expected to arrive at school by the warning bell in the morning. They are also expected to get back to class from recess and lunch on time. A pattern of late arrivals may result in your child

being held out until the next natural break as we believe it impacts the classroom and student achievement in a negative way.

Inside / Outside Days

****We are a West Coast Weather School****. Students will be kept inside at recess and lunch times in extreme weather conditions. Most days they will go outside for their breaks so please be sure everyone comes to school dressed for the weather.

The School Day

A warning bell will ring 2 minutes before students are due in class and at that time the student may go to the OUTSIDE DOOR only of the classroom.

There is no adult supervision at the school until ten minutes before the warning bell.

Students are expected to arrive at school on time every day. On a day when being late is unavoidable, please go directly to the office to sign in. Students may not remain in the school at the end of the school day unless directly supervised by a staff member.

The Office

The office is a place where confidential and private information about individuals in our school is exchanged regularly. Therefore, it is a place which must be treated with respect. The office is a place where visitors, parents, or volunteers must report. We require that all members of the school community respect the confidential nature of our school office.