



This is a supplement to the 2024-25 Sequam beginning of the year newsletter that you received.

THE GRADE 8 OPEN HOUSE

Date: Friday, August 30, 2024

Time: come anytime between 9:00 – 11:00 am.

This is very informal and optional.

- Learn how to open a combination locks
- Tour the school and look for their classrooms – maps will be provided
- Learn about extracurricular activities and life at Sequam
- Download the app – parents and students should do this. <https://se.deltasd.bc.ca/student-resources/school-app/>
- Help logging into MyEd to get your schedule, if you are having problems

Students should come to the Open House with a printout or picture of their schedule. This can be done on MyEd or Student/Parent Connect. If you are having problems getting the schedule, we will have mentors on hand who can help.

First Day of School

Tuesday, September 3 – meet in the Theatre at 1pm. After you can also search and locate your classes

Locks and Lockers

Please do not buy a lock for your student, one will be provided and a fee applied to your student's fee account. Lockers and locks will be near their block A class and given out on Wednesday, September 6 if a student wants one. We recommend that families in Grade 8 not buy a lock out in the community. Sometimes the quality of those locks is suspect. We provide a very high-quality lock and guarantee it will work for the whole time the student is with us at Sequam – we will replace it if it breaks.

School Supplies and PE clothes

We do not provide a basic school supply list. Each teacher will give students instructions on what they need to have for their specific classes. What you should have for Wednesday, September 6 is at least 2 binders (one for each day), some dividers, some lined paper, a couple of pens and a pencil and if they have math in Semester 1 please bring a calculator. PE class will begin right away so students need to have a change of clothes for PE – T shirt, shorts/sweatpants and running shoes.

Counsellors and Vice Principal

The Grade 8 Vice Principal is Mr. M. Annandale (mannandale@deltaschools.ca).

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Flextime

Own Your Learning and maximize time management

Flex Time acknowledges that students lead busy lives and navigate competing demands for their time in and outside of school. Flex Time provides students the opportunity to self-direct and engage in their own learning.

While some school wide initiatives might occur during Flex Time, teachers will not be teaching new course material. Teachers will be accessible to students for additional help and guidance on current and ongoing learning. As this is school instructional time, students are expected to be in a classroom for the entire Flex Time period and attendance is taken

What are the benefits of Flex Time?

Flex time provides the opportunity to:

- complete assignments
- practice presentations
- study for tests and quizzes
- receive help from a teacher
- reduce homework
- collaborate with classmates on group assignments
- meet with a counsellor, youth worker or administrator

Where do students go during Flex Time?

- Students are expected to be in one of their current teacher's classrooms
- Students may also schedule an appointment in advance with a counsellor, youth worker, career advisor or administrator
- Students may attend learning services support

How do students sign up for a Flex class?

- Students sign up for Flex classes using Student Connect.
- Students should plan their Flex schedule well in advance of the day of a class.
- Signing up in advance avoids classes being full and unavailable.
- Students will be guided through signing up for Flextime in the first month of school

Is attendance taken during Flex Time?

Yes, attendance is taken. Students who do not sign up for Flex classes or do not attend the Flex classes they sign up for will be marked absent. Absences from Flex time will be recorded and viewable on Student and Parent Connect.

How can parents help?

Parents can support their children in making effective use of Flex Time by assisting them in planning their Flex schedule in advance. Weekly, parents should discuss with their student where they are going for daily flex and what their needs are. Parents should encourage their children to sign up for Flex classes in which they would benefit from assistance from a teacher,

additional time to complete assignments and/or prepare for upcoming assessments. Parents can view student Flex history in Parent Connect.

Flex Time Schedule

Flex times will occur Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and. Fridays between period 1 and 2. Each Flex block will be 35 minutes in length. You will se it in Parent Connect as FX block.