



October 02, 2025

Q&A: In the event of a strike on Monday, October 6, 2025

Q: Are schools closed?

A: Schools are closed starting Monday, October 6, 2025. Students will not attend school in person or online. There will be **no** instruction, supervision, or extracurricular activities, including athletic team functions (practices, games, tournaments). Student transportation services are also suspended until the strike is over. Students should take home their personal belongings, such as gym clothes/shoes, food, medications, etc. If they wish to take home their learning materials, they are welcome to do so. No school-owned technology devices are to be taken home.

Q: Can I contact my child's teacher or the school office during the strike?

A: Teachers will not be responding to emails or inquiries sent/received through other platforms during the strike. Parents are welcome to reach out to the division office for urgent matters at 780-672-6131 or by email at inquiries@brsd.ab.ca. All relevant information will be shared with families via email and shared on the division [website](#).

Q: What is BRSD's role in the negotiation process?

A: Battle River School Division is not directly involved in this phase of teacher bargaining at the provincial level, and maintains a positive relationship with The Alberta Teachers' Association (ATA) representing Alberta's teachers, and The Teachers' Employer Bargaining Association (TEBA).

Q: Are the Provincial Achievement Tests cancelled?

A: We will be waiting on Alberta Education's direction for this; if there is a change to the PAT schedule, we will notify families.

Q: Are the diploma examinations cancelled?

A: We will be waiting on Alberta Education's direction for this; if there is a change to the diploma exam schedule, we will notify families.

Q: Will school-based extracurricular activities and sports continue as scheduled?

A: All extracurricular activities such as field trips, awards ceremonies, school council meetings, and others, will be paused for reconsideration at a future time. Fine Arts rehearsals, student clubs, sports competitions, practices, tournaments, and games will be suspended.

Q: How will my child be supported during the strike with learning? Are teachers providing resources? Can students take textbooks home?

A: Resources assigned to individual students may be taken home. Teachers will not be programming for students during the strike. Alberta Education has created a [toolkit for parents](#), with materials available on the Learn Alberta website. These materials have not been assessed by BRSD staff and our board was not consulted in their creation, thus we cannot comment on them.

Q: Will principals and assistant principals be in school during the strike?

A: In Alberta, principals and assistant principals are full ATA members in the collective agreement, and will be on strike.

Q: If there are staff working in the building during the strike, is there access to the building for parents/students?

A: Parents and students will not have access to the schools during the strike.

Q: Will Off-Campus programs be available for high school students?

A : Dual Credit (Olds College and Norquest College), Work Experience, Registered Apprenticeship Program (RAP), and Green Certificate will stop during a teacher strike, as teachers supervise these programs. Students may continue working for an employer if the employer wants to employ them, but no credit hours can be earned.