

Washroom Policy

Rational

Time on task has long been stressed by the Department of Education, by the Eastern School District # 400 and by St. Joseph's All Grade.

If students are to benefit from maximum instructional time they must be in class while instruction takes place. As is the case in most schools, far too often students are out of class under the pretense that they need to use the washroom. This is especially true at the Grade 7 - Level III classes in our school, where subject teaching takes place; students try to take advantage of the fact that they have different teachers for most periods.

The use of washroom facilities in the school will be limited to the following regulations:

For Grades 7 - Level III

Given the ages of students at this level it is reasonable to conclude that very little class time should be lost. It should be sufficient for students to use the washroom before leaving home in the morning; that way they will not lose any time during the first two classes in the morning. In the event that some students do not use the washrooms before leaving home, they should do so upon entering the school building - prior to homeroom.

Recess break offers students an alternative for using the washroom, rather than interrupting class during the remaining morning session.

Again, at lunch hour students should use the washroom before returning to school, or at least upon entering the building after lunch - prior to homeroom. This also applies to bus students going out to lunch. Therefore, class time after lunch will not be wasted with students leaving their classes.

Note:

There may be circumstances where a child might not have a permanent medical problem, however, some allowances may have to be made. For example, if a child is suffering from a "stomach flu" on a particular day, parents should contact the school requesting that special consideration be given to their child for that particular day.

For Grades Kindergarten – Grade 6

Teacher discretion will be the rule of thumb. However, the frequency of washroom privileges should be monitored closely. In the event that a student has to frequently use the washroom, they will be required to present a medical certificate to the school's administration.