



Dear EICS Parent and/or Guardian:

Elk Island Catholic Schools' (EICS) Registration and Student Information Form addresses all government regulations. In addition, it asks parents for contact information to allow us to take advantage of new technologies in our Division which are capable of sending daily phone messages or email messages to parents about their child.

The EICS Registration Form, along with detailed information on required documentation, is now available on the Division website [www.eics.ab.ca](http://www.eics.ab.ca) on the homepage or under the Parents section, as well as through your child's school.

The EICS Registration and Student Information Form, includes:

**Current government regulations reflect changes to the *Alberta Human Rights Act*.**

The Act now requires school boards to provide notice to a parent or guardian of a student when educational programs include subject matter that deals primarily and explicitly with religion.

As a Catholic school division, EICS fully permeates Catholic theology, philosophy, practices and beliefs, the principles of the Gospel and the teachings of the Catholic Church in all aspects of school life. EICS must, therefore, include this notice on all registration forms.

**New technologies and software** – EICS has implemented new technologies and software that will enhance communication and collaboration between parent, teacher and student. As a result, all parent or guardian information must be updated. The new registration form will also be requesting email addresses.

*Please note: email addresses will only be used by EICS Division and its schools and will not be shared with any other organization.*

**PowerSchool**

PowerSchool is EICS' new web-based student information system. PowerSchool allows teachers to instantaneously update grades, attendance, assignment information and much more - giving parents real-time information on their child's achievement.

**Synrevoice**

Synrevoice allows the Division and all schools the ability to share important information with parents by phone and/or email. If you received a telephone message from your school or the Division, then you've experienced Synrevoice.

In order to better utilize all features that Synrevoice offers, our registration form now includes a request for a parent or guardian's email address. This will enable our schools to send important information to you by telephone and/or by email.

If you have any questions, please contact your child's school or the EICS Student Services Department by phone at 780-449-6440.