



Alternative
Programs



Banff Trail School Open House

Early French Immersion Program

Thursday, January 15, 2026
5:30 pm – 7:00 pm

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Acknowledging the Land Where We Gather

Oki, Dadánast'áda, Âba Wathtec, Tânisî, Taanishi, Bonjour, Hello

The Calgary Board of Education acknowledges the traditional territories and oral practices of the Treaty 7 Nations, including the Siksikaitsitapi, comprised of the Siksika, the Kainai, the Piikani, and the Amskapi Piikani Nations. We acknowledge the Tsuut'ina Nation, the Îyârhe Nakoda, comprised of the Chiniki, Bearspaw, and Goodstoney Nations, the Métis Nation within Alberta, and all people who make their homes in the Treaty 7 region of southern Alberta.

This land on which we gather is traditionally known as Moh'kinstsis (Blackfoot), Guts'ists'i (Tsuut'ina), Wîchîspa (Nakoda), and otôskwanîhk (Northern Michif & Cree).

As a learning organization, we are committed to advancing the Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action focused on Education for ReconciliACTION.

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AGENDA

- Welcome and Introductions
- General Information – Alternative Programs
- Why French Immersion for your child?
- About our School
- Transportation
- Kindergarten
- Grade 1
- Registration & Lottery
- School Council
- Questions & Class Visits

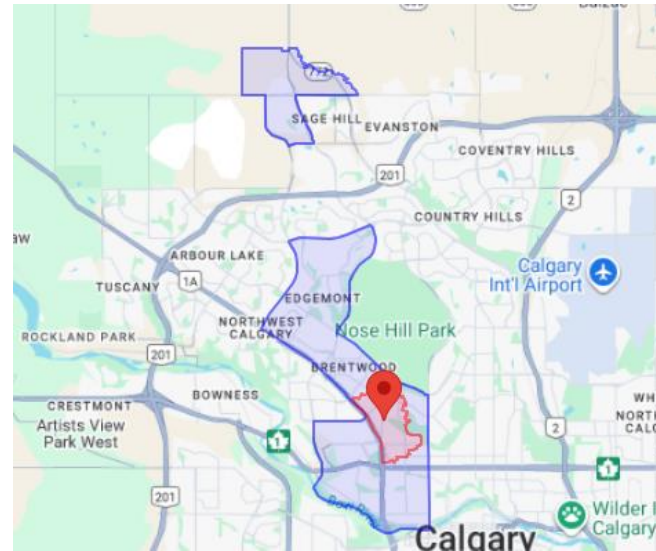
INTRODUCTIONS

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Banff Trail School

- Ryan Turner, Principal
- Nancy Toy, Assistant Principal
- K: Mme Nicole, M. Matthieu
- 1: Mme Kalpana, Mme Kim, Mme Rachel



Catchment:

<https://cbe.ab.ca/schools/find-a-school/Pages/default.aspx#>

Language Program



Elements of Language Program

- Meet the expectations for instructional time in the target language, learning Alberta Curriculum content through the target language
- Develop intercultural competencies and communication skills
- Reflect the cultures of the target language through student work, signage and school routines

Benefits to learning another language

Additional Language learning:

§ Enables students to further develop their literacy, problem-solving and memory skills while building confidence and pride in learning another language.

§ Strengthens English literacy skills. Children who learn an additional language show either comparable or enhanced first-language literacy.

§ Provides students with more choices for advanced education and career options as it gives them an edge in the global job market.

§ Teaches responsible citizenship

§ Develops enhanced feelings of self-esteem and pride in having acquired an additional language

§ Encourages the joy of lifelong learning

§ Promotes exploration, understanding and appreciation of the many different cultures around the world and contributes to multilingualism and multiculturalism

§ Allows students to compete internationally

§ Broadens students' cultural life through access to literature, art, music and theatre in another language

See Parent Handout: *10 Answers for Parents About French Immersion*





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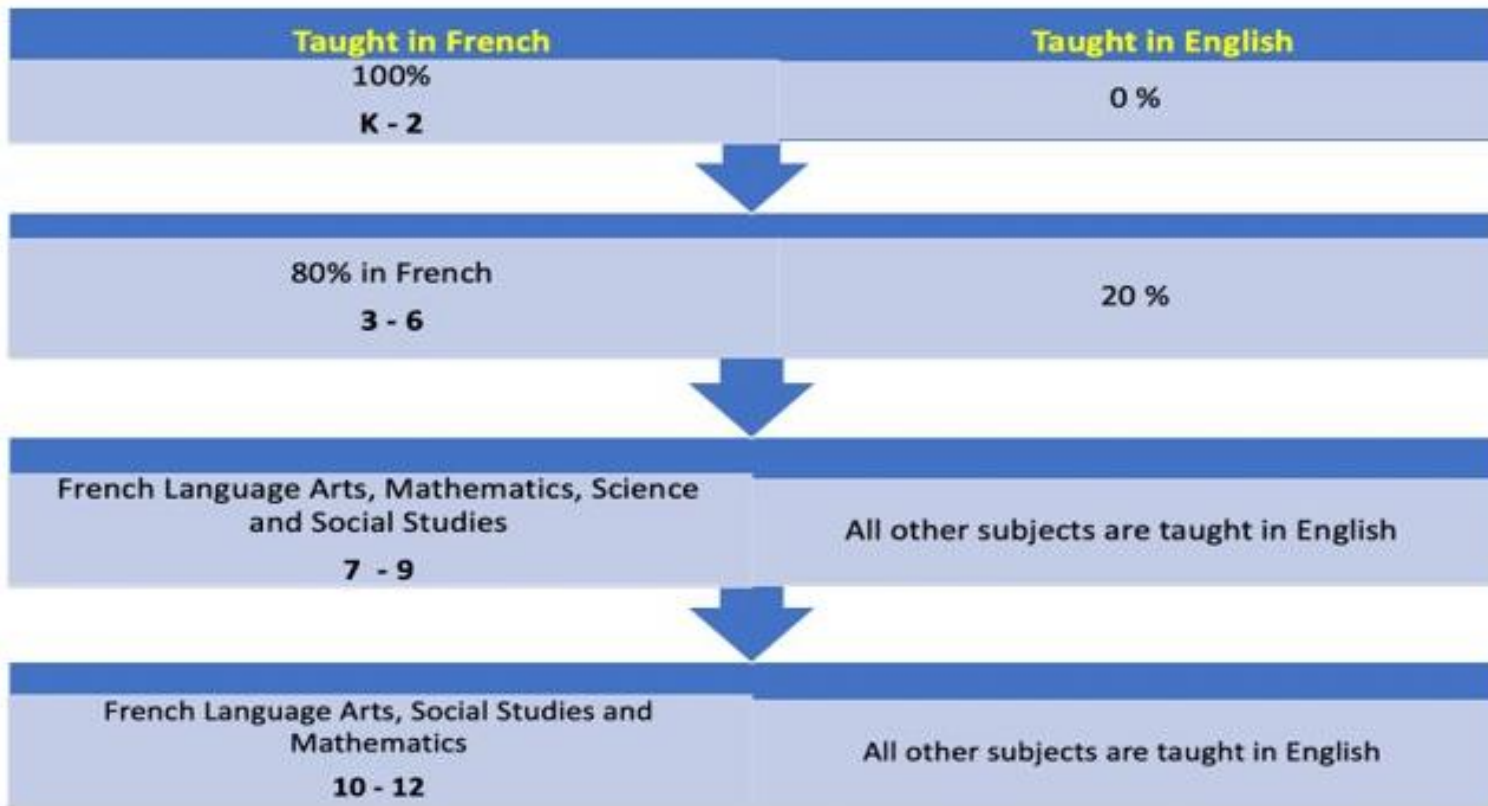
A French Immersion Education, Your Gateway to the World

Empowered. Globally competent.
Equipped to actively participate in the world.



Who Can Register

- Children entering Kindergarten or Grade 1.
- Previous French speaking experience is not required and parents do not need to know the language.
- Entry points other than Kindergarten or Grade 1 are determined in conversation with the school administration



OPTIONAL:
The DELF - official qualifications awarded by the French Ministry of Education to certify the competency of candidates from outside France in the French language. These certificates are valid for life.

Hours and Times



- School hours 'could' change for 2026-27
- Currently we offer both morning and afternoon Kindergarten
- AM or PM Kindergarten placement consider various factors including enrolment numbers, KCF, space and parent preference
- Morning Kindergarten (7:58 am - 10:50 am)
- Afternoon Kindergarten (11:38 am - 2:30 pm)

General Information

- Entry Points: Kindergarten, Gr 1, Gr 7 (late immersion)
- Banff Trail (K-5)
- Branton (6-9)
- William Aberhart (10-12)
- Instruction of subject material is not translated, the goal is to get kids thinking and communicating in French.

Age Requirements

- Children must be at least five years old as of December 31 to start kindergarten in the fall of that Kindergarten year.
- This means that a four-year old child may start Kindergarten if they will turn five on or before December 31 of that Kindergarten year.
- Kindergarten is an optional program.

Cultural Days & Performances



French Storytelling Performances



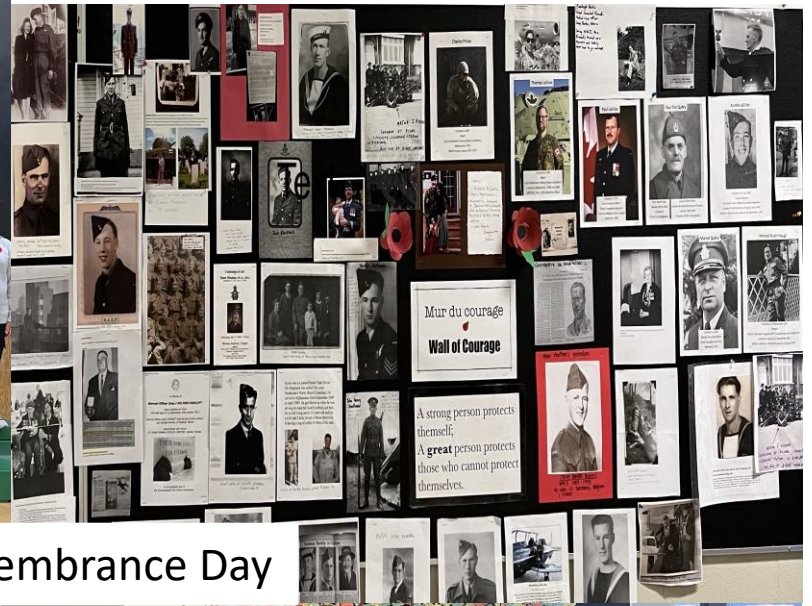
Carnaval



Folklofolie



School Wide Events



Remembrance Day



Pyjama Day!



Pink Shirt Day

Whole-School Activities



Board Games Day



Ice Skating



Snowshoeing

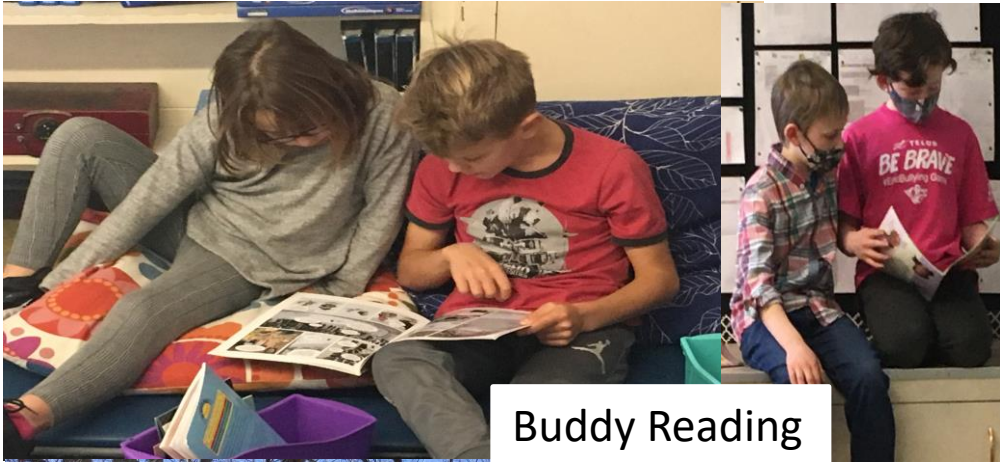


Alien In-Line Skating



Lacrosse

Other Highlights of Our School



Buddy Reading



Patrols



Land-Based Learning at West Confederation Park



Anita Crowshoe

Indigenous Knowledge Keeper



- Respected and esteemed member of our learning community
- Registered band member and Knowledge Keeper from the Piikani Nation
- Community leader, CBE supply teacher, mother, grandmother and friend
- Teaches through oral storytelling and building relationships our students, teachers and staff
- Indigenous Education: learning, practice, and wisdom are shared in kind, caring and gentle approach

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TRANSPORTATION



Transportation considerations:

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- K-5 yellow bus transportation provided following CBE congregated stop guidelines for alternative programs
- Parents pay an annual fee for CBE yellow bus service or purchase monthly Calgary Transit passes
- Congregated stops are reviewed annually and informed by pre-registration for transportation, online through [MyCBE/PowerSchool](#)
- Congregated stops may not be within walking distance and alternate arrangements may be required to access the congregated stop

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Please register **for busing** as soon as you are confirmed to have registered with **the school**, so that routes can be planned accordingly.

First Ride Program in May

<https://www.cbe.ab.ca/schools/busing-and-transportation/Pages/my-1st-ride-program.aspx>



Kindergarten

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Kindergarten – First Days

Monday, August 31, 2026

- First Day of School for all students
 - Morning class - 7:58 am – 10:50 am (2025-26)
 - Afternoon class - 11:38 am – 2:30 pm (2025-26)

(Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday continue as per Monday schedule)

Friday, September 4, 2026

- **Morning** class attends from 7:58 am – 12:00 pm (2025-26)
- Alternating half-day Friday routine begins
- No classes for Afternoon/PM Kindergarten

Friday, September 11, 2026

- **Afternoon** class attends from 7:58 am – 12:00 pm (2025-26)
- Alternating half-day Friday routine continues
- No classes for Morning/AM Kindergarten

Kindergarten: Arrival & Dismissal

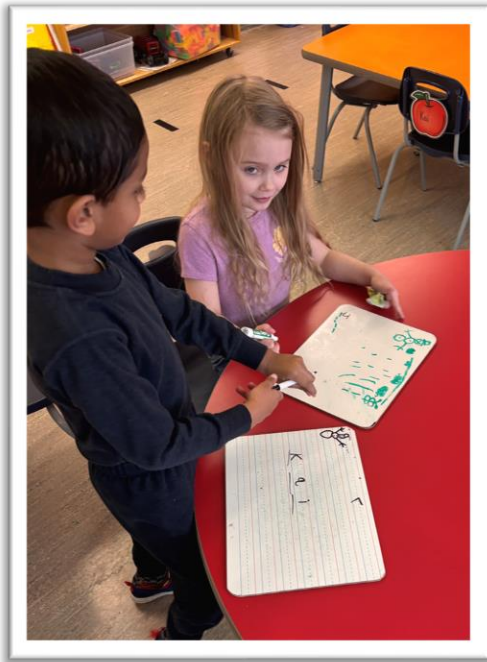
Arrival

- Non-bused students meet teachers at the entry doors with their parent/caregiver
- Bused students are met by the bus supervisor in the morning at the designated school bus zone

Dismissal

- Non-bused students meet their parent/caregiver at the entry doors
- Bused students meet the bus supervisor in the afternoon at the designated school bus zone

French Language Development



👍 Oui, j'ai un frère. 🙅 Non, je n'ai pas un frère.



Simon Serpent



Simon Serpent
Simon Serpent
fait du surf
fait du surf
Il sèche au soleil
Il sèche au soleil
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Numeracy





Centre Time: Learning Through Play

Physical Education in the Gym



Intensive French with Madame Sophie





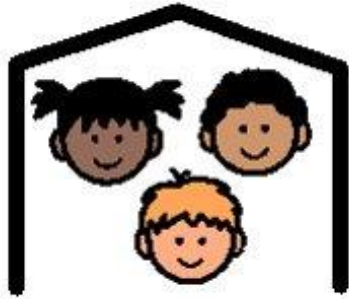
Music with
Madame Wensley

Parent Volunteers

- Friday Walks to West Confederation Park
- Skating at Triwood Arena
- Volunteer Reading Program
- Residency Volunteers (ex. costumes, helping with in-line skates, etc.)



Preparing Your Child for Kindergarten



- Make sure your child can get dressed independently to go outside, especially during the winter months
- Have your child help out in small ways at home, such as cleaning up after themselves
- Have a set bedtime and morning routine
 - Children need 10 to 12 hours of sleep each night
- Give them time to eat a nutritious breakfast
- Read to your child every day
- For safety reasons and confidence, children should know their:
 - First and Last name
 - Age and Birthday
 - Telephone number
 - Home Address



Grade One

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A day in Grade One

Math

Science

Social Studies

Art

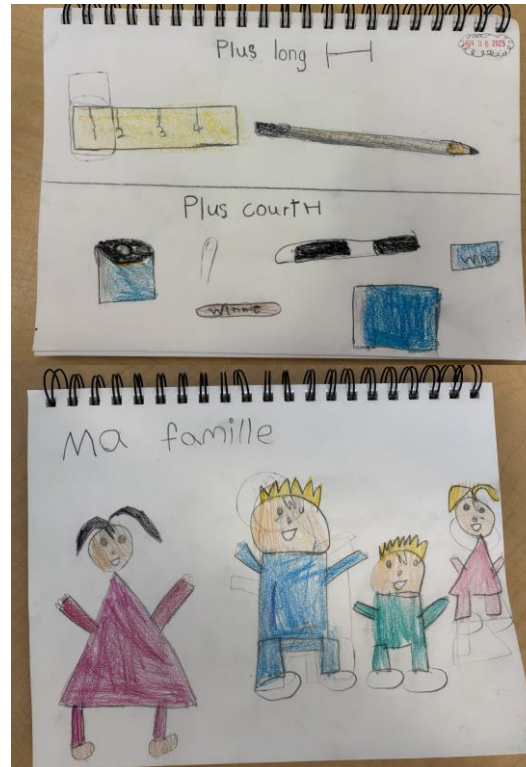
French Language Arts

Physical Education

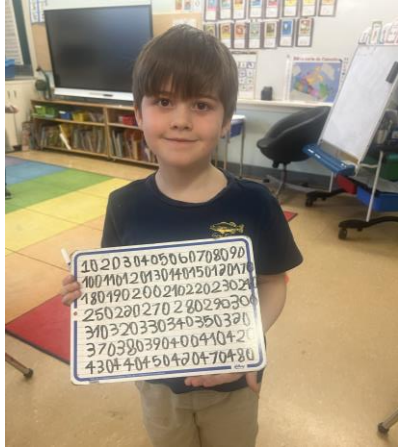
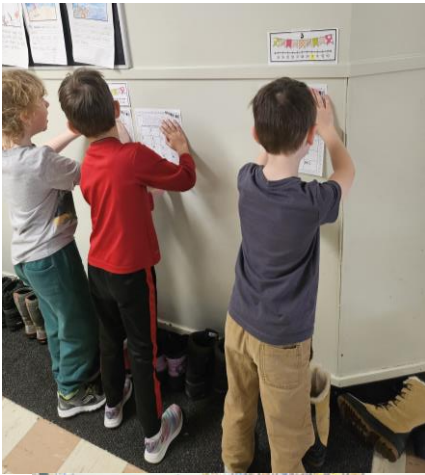
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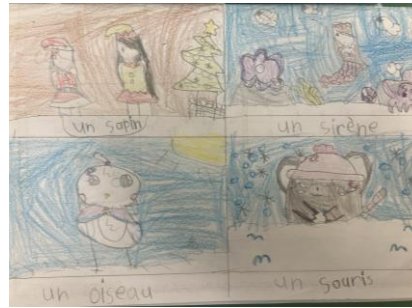
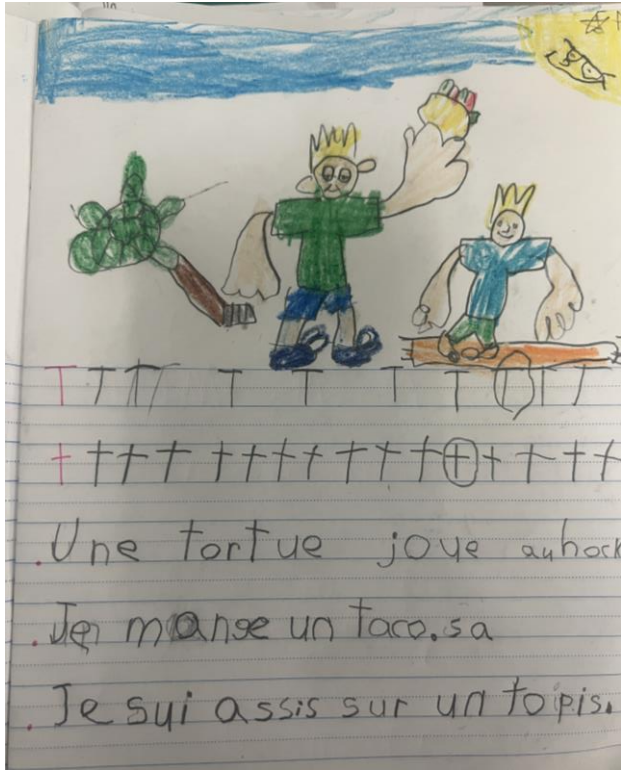
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Intensive French



Grade One: Numeracy





Grade One : French Literacy

- **French Language**

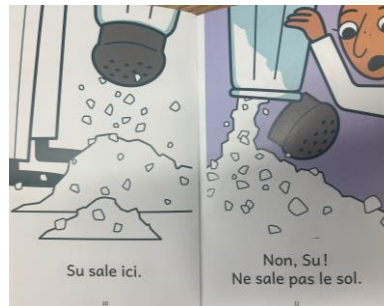
- Listening
- Speaking

- **Reading**

- ABCs
- Science of Reading

- **Writing**

- Practice orally first
- Brainstorm words together
- Write a few simple sentences following a model

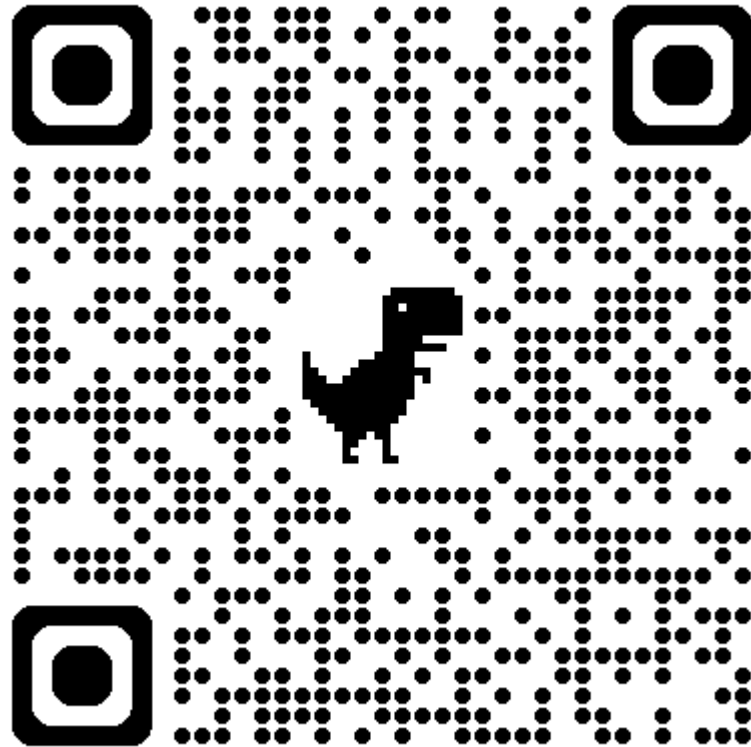


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REGISTRATION

Parent walk-through:





- School Name here

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Who Can Register

- Students entering French Immersion Kindergarten or Grade 1 can register
- In the case of an alternate entry point, parents will reach out to the school directly to arrange an appointment for language assessment for suitable placement.
- Registration opening date: January 12, 2026



Timeline for Registration


Registration **opens January 12th** for the 2026-2027 school year.



- Registration is **ONGOING**.
- Registration is paused on **Tuesday February 10, 2026** at 12:00pm for Lottery Schools.
- Lottery drawn on Wednesday February 11, 2026 by 12:00pm.
- Results of the lottery draw sent within 10 business days of the draw.
 - Teacher's Convention counts as business days, weekends and Family Day does not
 - As with the last two years, the goal is to have it out by the 23rd (7 business days)
- Parents must accept/decline within 10 business days from the date of the acceptance offer letter/email.








Registration is Online | New and Current CBE Students

www.cbe.ab.ca

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Registration

- New Student Registration
- [Alternative Programs](#)
- New School Under Construction
- Lottery
- Registration Documentation
- Browse All ->**

Fees & Waivers

- Central Fee Waiver
- Flexible Payment Options
- Find My School Fees
- Fee Information Questions and Answers
- Fees, Sales and Services Terms and Conditions
- School Fees Background
- Browse All ->**

Records & Transcripts

- Transfers**
- Forms You Need**
- Back to School**

Calendars

- Instructional Calendar
- Unique Settings
- Dates of Significance
- Bell Times
- Browse All ->**

Current CBE Students Expression of Interest | School Engage

Alternative Programs

Select One Of The Following Options

I Want To Register A Child

I have other children in the CBE and I want to register another child for an alternative program

Start Registration ↻

Moving From One Program To Another

My child is already registered in one program (regular or alternative) and I would like to move to a different program (regular or alternative)

Move Programs ↻

Program Selection

Select One

Alternative Program

I am seeking to move in to an Alternative Program.

Alternative Program ↻

Regular Program

I am seeking to move into the Regular Program

Regular Program ↻

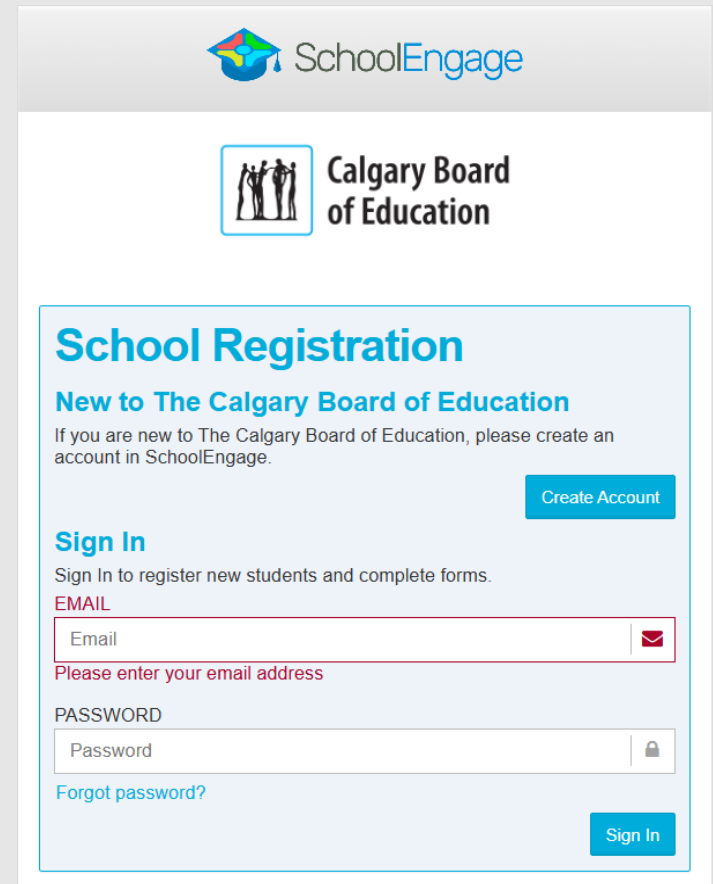
International Baccalaureate Programme (IB)

I am seeking to move into the IB Programme

IB Program ↻

Registration is Online with School Engage

- The registration form is approximately 16 tabs
- Ensure you have a few minutes to fill these out
- You may **SAVE** and return to the form
- Required documents prior to beginning your forms



The screenshot shows the 'School Registration' page for the Calgary Board of Education. At the top, there is the SchoolEngage logo and the Calgary Board of Education logo. The main heading is 'School Registration' in blue. Below it, a sub-heading reads 'New to The Calgary Board of Education'. A message states: 'If you are new to The Calgary Board of Education, please create an account in SchoolEngage.' To the right of this message is a blue 'Create Account' button. Below this is a 'Sign In' section with the text 'Sign In to register new students and complete forms.' There are two input fields: 'EMAIL' with a placeholder 'Email' and a red border, and 'PASSWORD' with a placeholder 'Password' and a lock icon. Below the email field is the text 'Please enter your email address'. Below the password field is a blue link 'Forgot password?'. At the bottom right of the form is a blue 'Sign In' button.

Registration Documentation

WHAT YOU WILL NEED

Prior to starting the registration process you will require the following information:

- **Proof of primary address:**

Where the child resides. It must include the parent / legal guardian / independent student name.

Examples include: bank statement, driver's licence, GST rebate, utility bill, home or renters insurance, income tax statement, mortgage statement, property tax assessment or the Canada Revenue Agency letter

- **Child's proof of age, citizenship and legal name:**

Examples include: Alberta Birth Certificate, Canadian Birth Certificate, Canadian passport, Canadian Citizenship Card, Canadian Citizenship Certificate, Confirmation of Permanent Residence or the Canadian Certificate of Indian Status

- A **selfie** with the legal guardian / parent government issued photo identification

Additional documentation may be required:

- [Custody / Guardianship](#)

- [Student Health Form](#)
- [Student Assessment](#)

Students who are not Canadian citizens will be contacted after registration by the [CBE Welcome Centre](#).

Alternative Programs | Schools in Lottery Registration Process

Complete the Registration Process Following These 4 Steps

1

Create a SchoolEngage Account



1. Go to [SchoolEngage](#)
2. Click *Create Account* button
3. Complete the Account Form
4. Check your Email for Confirmation and Click on the Confirmation Link
5. Sign in to SchoolEngage
6. Add a student

Refer to [SchoolEngage Support](#) for detailed steps

[Launch SchoolEngage](#)

2

Complete Registration Form

In SchoolEngage complete the appropriate Registration Form for your child's designated school.

In this step you can select **both** your child's designated regular program and alternative program schools.

Do not register your child for your designated overflow school.

TIP

Remember to hit the green **Submit** at the end of the Registration form to ensure it has been fully completed.

3

Completed Form Sent to School For Processing

Please be patient as the school works through all their completed registrations.

School staff will contact you if there are any questions or concerns.

Please do not call the school.

4

School Confirms Registration

The school confirms student registration and adds your child to the call-back list.

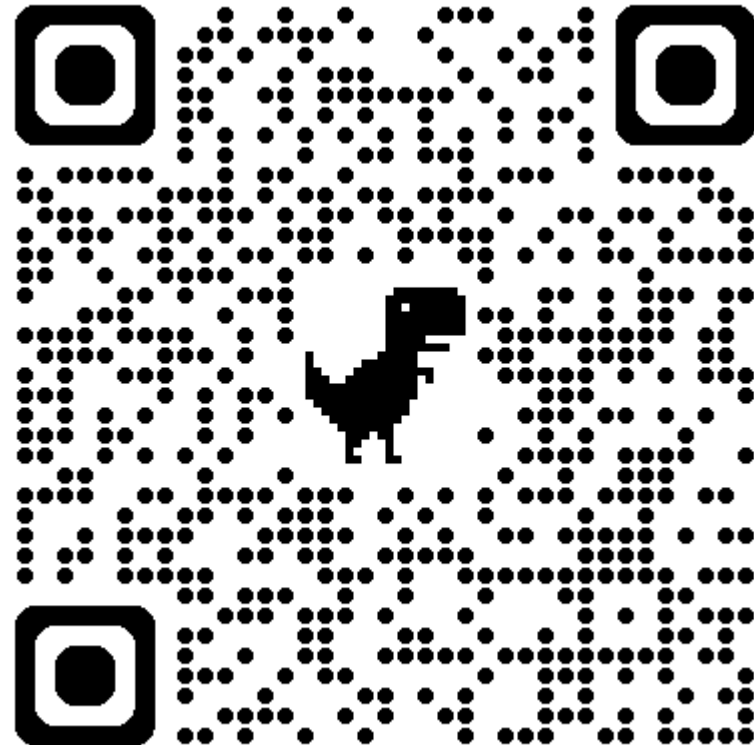
The student's registration information **will automatically be transferred** to the overflow school.

School may require additional forms to be completed.



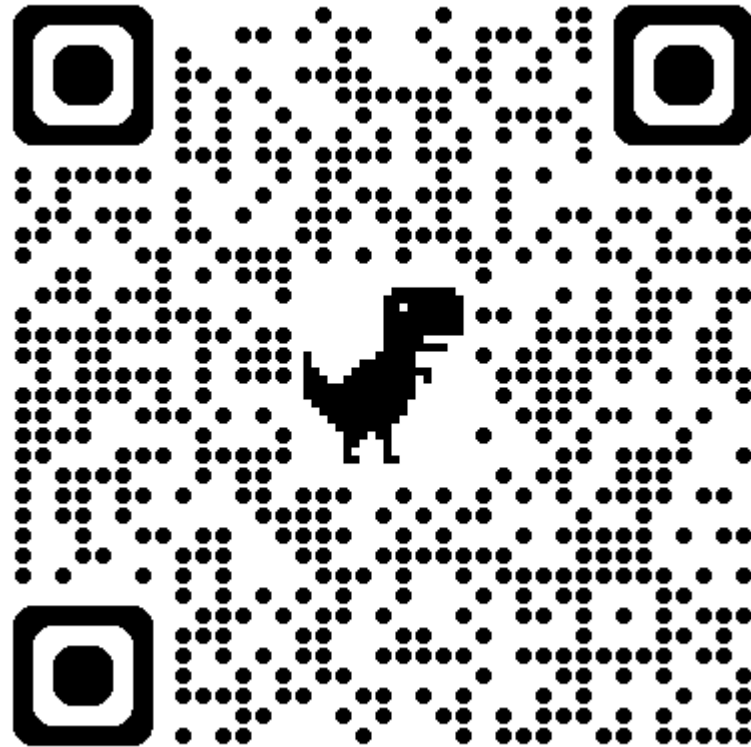
Lottery Process Information

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Lottery Process FAQ

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Lottery Process

What Is Lottery

A lottery is a way to equitably enrol students when a school, program or grade is identified to be at or over capacity.

As Calgary continues to grow and evolve, so does our student population, which means some schools or programs may reach capacity. Meaning some schools must run lotteries.

Lotteries ensure fair and equitable access to schools, programs (regular or alternative), or grades when student populations are at capacity or over capacity. Schools usually conduct lotteries for the grade of entry (for example, kindergarten or Grade 10), but they may also need to hold lotteries for specific grades or programs.

The lottery happens in February.





Lottery Timeline

- To have your Registration / Expression of Interest considered for the Lottery, it must be **completed and submitted by Noon on Tuesday, Feb. 10, 2026.**
- Schools will hold lotteries on Wednesday, Feb. 11, 2026 by noon.
- Results of the lottery will be communicated to families **within 10 business days.**
- Families **will then have 10 business days** to respond to any offers of placement.



Communication from the school(s)

- We encourage you to wait until you hear if you were successful in the lottery from every school to which you expressed interest.
- Once you accept a placement, **you may not receive any further offers.**
- All offers of placement or confirmation that you were not successful will **come through SchoolEngage.**

LOTTERY PROCESS

New to CBE (e.g.: Kindergarten)

1. A school, program or grade is identified to be at or over capacity and is moved into lottery status

New To CBE

2. Parents/Legal Guardians or Independent Students complete a registration or expression of interest before the lottery deadline.
3. **School processes registrations and expressions of interest** as they are received. Every submission is assigned a unique number.
4. **Lottery Draws are Completed**
Lottery draws are supervised by more than one person, including the school principal or an administration delegate, a school council member, and an administrative assistant

Schools create a **callback**
(<http://www.cbe.ab.ca/registration/registration/lottery/Pages/Lottery-Process.aspx#callback>) **list**.
5. **Parents or Independent Students are Notified**
Schools inform parents / independent students if they have or have not been accepted into the program.
What if I was not accepted?
(<http://www.cbe.ab.ca/registration/registration/lottery/Pages/Lottery-Process.aspx#not-accepted>)
6. **Parent or Independent Student Response**
If you applied to multiple schools/programs, wait to be notified by **all** of them.

If You Accept:
You are automatically placed into that school / program. Any other programs you applied for will be notified, and you will be removed from their lists.

If You Decline:
If an acceptance or placed on a callback list is refused, the student is removed from the list.
If the refusal is based on the inability to take all members of a family, the student may remain on the call-back list and be contacted if there is space for all.

LOTTERY PROCESS

Currently Enrolled in CBE (e.g.: grade 1 or higher grades)

1. A school, program or grade is identified to be at or over capacity and is moved into lottery status.

Currently Enrolled With CBE

2. **Students are automatically designated** to their next year's program by their designated school and are included in the lottery.
3. **Lottery Draws are Completed**
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How We Prioritize Students For Lottery

Priority levels influence your chance of being offered a place at a lottery school. If unsuccessful in the lottery, students are placed on a callback list in order of priority level.

Priority 1

- Students living within the lottery zone who have a sibling (brother/sister [half or step, not cousins]) that will be attending the same program in the same school; concurrently (occurring or existing simultaneously).

Priority 2

- Students living outside the lottery zone but in the designated area for the school, who will have a sibling in the same program at the same school concurrently; or
- Students living within the lottery zone who do not have a sibling in the school.

Priority 3

- All other students living in the designated attendance area.



Name NOT Drawn in the Lottery

If the student's name was not drawn in the lottery process for an alternative program, they will **attend their designated regular program** school.

If you select more than one alternative program, **each school will notify you** whether you have been accepted.

If you were not accepted into any of the lottery schools, you will attend your designated regular program school.

Wait lists

Wait lists for alternative programs are maintained until end of September.

Call-back lists are only for schools in overflow. Alternative programs are not overflowed.

School Council



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School Council
and Parent
Fundraising
Association



INTRODUCTIONS

- Ashley Looyen - Co-Chair
- Tanner Ryman - Co-Chair
- Erin Runnalls - Vice Chair

- Arvind Pannu-Ross - Treasurer
- Tracy Keats - Secretary

- Committee Chairs
 - Volunteer Coordinator
 - Dance/Social Committee Coordinators
 - Teacher Appreciation Coordinators
 - Social Media Coordinators
 - Grade 5 Farewell Coordinators
 - Casino Coordinator
 - Fundraising Coordinators
 - School Yard Development Society





OVERVIEW



Meet once a month, supported by administration and staff

School Council: Inform, Connect, Support, Volunteer, Advocate

Parent Fundraising Association: Raising funds to support school and student initiatives, supplies, programs

Committees: Volunteers/Social Events, Teacher Appreciation, Social Media, Grade 5 Farewell, Schoolyard Development, Fundraising, Casino

GOALS AND ACTIONS



- Engagement and Community Building
 - Bike to School
 - Welcome Day
 - School Dances
 - Winter Skating Social
 - Walk Together Mornings
 - Schoolyard events
 - And more
- Support Banff Trail School
 - Voice
 - Volunteer
 - Fundraise: Casino, Cheque writing campaign, ArtCards, Winter Fundraiser and Spring Flowers

CONTRIBUTIONS



- Technology: iPads, Laptops, Sound Equipment/Bluetooth speaker
- Cultural Events: Carnaval, Folklofolie, Theatre and Indigenous Residencies
- Curriculum: Library books (French/English), French Dictionaries, Online Reading Resources, Ukuleles, Science Equipment
- Sports: Snowshoes, Skating Arena, Curling, Lacrosse, Dance

HOW TO GET INVOLVED



- Sign-up for information
Konstella
- Attend monthly meetings
- Volunteer
 - Executive
 - Committee Chairs
 - Committee Volunteers
 - Ad Hoc Volunteers
 - Casino Volunteers

WELCOME

We very much look forward to you joining the Banff Trail School community.

We would be happy to connect with you and answer any questions you have:

banfftrailchair@gmail.com



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New Kindergarten/Grade 1 Orientation Evening

Tentative: May 2026



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Resources

CBE Supports

[Video | French Immersion](#)

[Early French Immersion | Is French Immersion the right choice for my child?](#)

[Transportation Information for Alternative Programs of Choice](#)

Canadian Parents for French Alberta -
<https://ab.cpf.ca/>

A handbook for Parents -
<http://www.learnalberta.ca/content/mychildslerning/>

[Yes, You Can Help! – A Guide for French Immersion Parent](#)

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Class Visits and Question Period