



# Three-Year School Capital Plan 2024-27



## How does the CBE plan for new schools and modernized spaces?

Each year, school boards submit a plan to Alberta Education that identifies the top priorities for new schools and major modernizations. Our priorities are identified by considering census data, educational need, school condition, community demographics, school enrolment, transportation times and the overall economic and growth outlook for Calgary. Alberta Education receives about 400 capital requests annually from school boards across the province.



## Building and modernizing schools is a priority

We require new schools to support rapid enrolment growth in Calgary, and modernizations to ensure students are learning in up-to-date facilities close to home. Opening new schools is necessary, and modernizations breathe new life into existing schools. More than half of CBE's 251 schools are 50+ years old and require upgrades to ensure that students are learning in modern environments that offer opportunities in Career and Technology Studies (CTS) and science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) courses.



## What is a modernization?

Major modernization projects provide for the renovation of whole or part of a school for both present and future educational programs. For example, a modernization might include renovating CTS learning spaces, upgrading mechanical, electrical or security systems, converting a library to a learning commons or creating barrier-free access.



## Three-year capital plan priorities

There are many factors to consider before we ask the government to construct a new school, or modernize an older one.

### ■ Community ranking for new schools

The CBE assigns "points" to communities to prioritize where new schools need to be built. We assign the points based on criteria including pre-school population numbers, K-9 enrolment, projected population growth, travel time and distance to the school.

[New School Ranking Criteria](#)

### ■ Major modernization ranking criteria

The CBE assigns "points" to schools to prioritize which ones most need to be modernized. To rank the schools, we look at programming requirements, five-year projected enrolment, quality of the site location to serve students, ability to upgrade the facility and the facility condition based on the provincial renewal capital asset planning process.

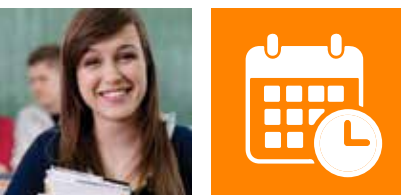
[Modernization Ranking Criteria](#)



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## Current capital plan priorities

On March 1, 2023, the Government of Alberta [announced](#) full, planning or pre-planning funding for all of the Year One, and two of the Year Two priorities identified on the CBE's 2023-26 Three-Year School Capital Plan. As a result, our current priorities are:

### Year One

New School Projects	Project Status	Modernization Requests	Project Status
Evanston Elementary	New Request	Annie Gale School	Planning
Cornerstone High School	Planning	Crescent Heights High School	Modernization Request
Redstone Elementary	New Request	A.E. Cross School	Pre-Planning
Saddle Ridge Middle	Pre-Planning	Sir John A. Macdonald School	Pre-Planning

### Year Two

New School Projects	Project Status	Modernization Requests	Project Status
Saddle Ridge Middle	Design Funding	Annie Foote School	Modernization Request
Sage Hill / Kincora Middle	New Request	Altadore School	Modernization Request
		Cedarbrae School	Modernization Request

### Year Three

New School Projects	Project Status	Modernization Requests	Project Status
Mahogany Middle	New Request	Janet Johnstone School	Modernization Request
		Ranchlands School	Modernization Request

## Additional costs to the CBE

While Alberta Education finances new schools and modernizations, there are additional costs the CBE must absorb when opening new schools such as hiring leaders in advance of the opening, and purchasing new technology and learning resources. The average funding required is approximately:

#### Additional Costs for New Schools

- \$2 - \$2.5 million for elementary schools
- \$2.5 - \$3.5 million for middle and K-9 schools; and
- \$8 - \$9 million for high schools

#### Additional Costs for Major Modernizations

- \$250-\$500k for elementary schools
- \$500-\$750k for middle and K-9 schools; and
- \$750k-\$1.25 m for high schools

## Utilization rates in schools

Schools receive the maximum amount of government funding for building operations and maintenance **only if** a school has a utilization rate of greater than 85 per cent.

## More information

### [Three-Year School Capital Plan 2024-2027](#)

The most current Three-Year School Capital Plan was approved by trustees on March 21, 2023. This document contains detailed information and analysis about the CBE's forecasted school capital needs. See also our [Criteria for School Capital Planning Priorities](#) for details on how we rank projects.

### [Construction Status Updates](#)

This document contains an update regarding the current status of new and replacement schools under development or construction.

### [Building and Modernizing Schools](#)

This web page brings together all of the most current information related to building and modernizing our schools, including information on school naming, bell times, site designs and much more.

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