

Campus Calgary / Open Minds 2025-2026 Information

It's time to be thinking about plans for the 2025-2026 school year. Please see page 2 for information specific to the 2025-26 school year. See page 5 for information specific to the funding model.



What is Campus Calgary / Open Minds? How can it benefit you and your students?

Campus Calgary / Open Minds provides Calgary teachers the opportunity to work with a vibrant community site for 5 days of innovative learning. Teachers design and implement a long-term, interdisciplinary study that uses the week with a site as a catalyst for learning. Curriculum expectations can be met through meaningful connections to the real world, hands-on experiences, and connecting with community experts. This heavily subsidized program (actual costs range from \$5000-\$8000/week) is funded by community and business partners, the Calgary Board of Education, and the Calgary Catholic School District. **The cost for the week is \$1500 per week** for CBE and CCSD classes, including bussing. Independent Schools cost is \$1800 per week, including bussing.

How do teachers apply?

Any Calgary teacher can apply. **Application deadline is Wednesday May 7, 2025.** Applications will share who you and your students are and how 5 days with a CC/OM site will influence you and your students' learning and year's work. Selections are not made on a first come first serve basis. For teachers new to Campus Calgary / Open Minds, further information will be shared, questions answered, and application requirements explained at the information sessions listed here.

Information Session for teachers wanting to learn more about Campus Calgary / Open Minds

Date: Monday April 7. In-person at the Sweetgrass Lodge, Calgary Stampede Time, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Light supper provided and doors open at 4:30 p.m. to talk with CC/OM coordinators and learn more about their sites and possibilities.



"My learning has changed – I feel that I am really experiencing it rather than just reading about it."
~ Student

Application includes a completed Google form (found on CC/OM website) and an Application Supporting Document.

In the Application Supporting Document you will share the following:

1. What is your **Big Idea or Question or Provocation** and how do you see this influencing your year's work?
2. What do you **hope and/or want** students to come to understand as part of this Campus Calgary / Open Minds experience?
3. Campus Calgary / Open Minds is just as much for teachers as it is for students. With that in mind, what do **you** want to come to understand as part of this CC/OM experience?
4. **Why this site?** How do you anticipate this site supporting your big question/idea/provocation and your students' yearlong learning?
5. Tell us about your **students and school community**.



"I see my community's story differently now. My story has also changed because of what I know."
~ Student

Campus Calgary / Open Minds Programs:

2School: An Urban Experience – CBE Education Centre
Grades 1 to 12 (25 weeks)

Healthy Living School – Calgary YMCA -Seton and /or Rocky Ridge
Grades 3 to 12 (20 weeks)

Seed School – The Mustard Seed
Grades 5 to 12 (12 weeks)

City Hall School - City of Calgary municipal building
Grades 3 to 12 (25 weeks)

Jube School – Southern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium
Grades 1 to 12 (12 weeks)

Stampede School – Calgary Stampede
Grades 1 to 12 (24 weeks)

City EcoAction School – Ralph Klein Park OR Inglewood Bird Sanctuary
Grades 1 to 12 (12 weeks)

Library School – Calgary Public Library
Grades 1 to 12 (22 weeks)

Arts Commons - ConocoPhillips Hub for Inspired Learning
Grades 1 to 12 (22 weeks)

Science School – TELUS Spark
Grades 1 to 9 (25 weeks)

Zoo School – Wilder Institute / Calgary Zoo
Grades 1 to 12 (25 weeks)

Sites Currently Piloting

(to be determined for 25-26)

Contemporary Calgary Art Studio

Outdoor Leadership School – Glenbow Ranch Provincial Park

Youth Singers School

“We had an amazing experience this week. I feel more confident and courageous with my skills as a teacher!”

~ Teacher

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Applications and site information are available on our website at <http://com.cbe.ab.ca/>

Year at a Glance

General Information Sessions (February 13 at Teachers' Convention and April 7)
Introduction to CC/OM philosophy, application process and requirements, developing a big idea or question or provocation, and site personnel.

Applications due - Wednesday May 7
Acceptance Status - May 22

Spring In-service - Site Specific Welcome (after school in June) – initial opportunity for site familiarization, sharing of expectations, and development of working relationships.

Summer Workshop - A Day on Site (July or August) – Immersion at the site and discovery of the rich learning opportunities available at each site

Fall Pedagogy Evening – Journalling Workshop (after school evening in September)
– Immersion in and practicing the CC/OM philosophy and journalling.

Practice and Preparation at School (ongoing)

Planning Meeting (after school at your school or virtual, 6-8 weeks prior to being on site) – In collaboration with CC/OM Operations Team and Site Coordinator to connect the classroom to the community creating a personalized week.

Ongoing Communication in preparation for site experience – Time between planning meeting and site experience, – feedback on schedule, discussions of roles and responsibilities, etc.

Week on Site

Back at School – continued connections and taking up relevant actions

** **CC/OM Professional Learning Workshops** – offered throughout the year (both in-person and virtual)

** **Ongoing communication** with site and site coordinator to support learning.

Site In-Service / Workshop Dates for the 2025-26 School Year

Available on Campus Calgary / Open Minds website (forthcoming)





Campus Calgary/Open Minds | Funding Support Model - 2025-2026

The Campus Calgary/Open Minds (CC/OM) Program is supported through a number of key partnerships between educational districts, community sites, and funders.

The **cost for participating classes** is:

- For Calgary Board of Education and Calgary Catholic School District classes, cost is **\$1500**
- For independent, charter and private school classes, cost is **\$1800**

(actual costs of a week of CC/OM programming range from \$5000 - \$8000 / week)

There are many benefits for participating teachers, including but not limited to:

Benefits to participating teachers in CC/OM

