



Urgent Need for New Learning Spaces



As Calgary continues to grow, the pressure on schools increases – particularly in new and expanding communities in the north and south. Over the past three years, we have welcomed more than 17,000 additional students – enough to fill about 30 elementary schools.

Our official enrolment (as of Sept. 30, 2024) is 142,402 students. We expect enrolment to continue to increase and by 2029, we expect to have almost 160,000 students.



Many CBE Schools are Full

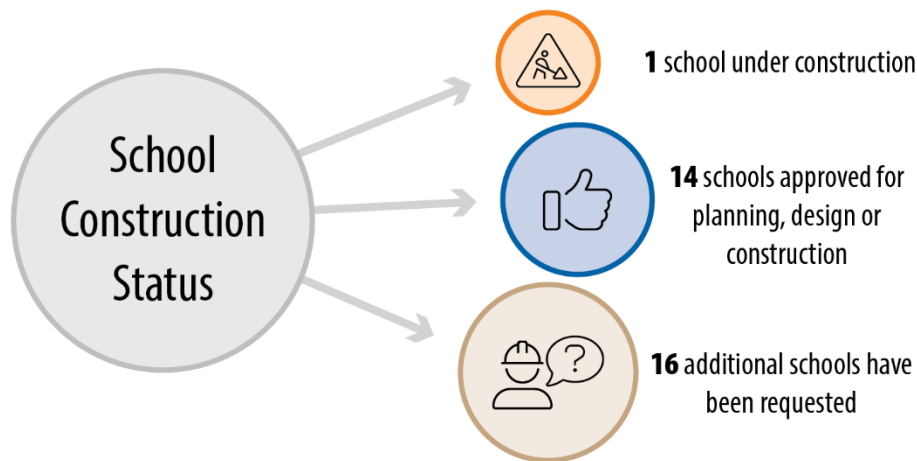
Currently, 175 schools (approximately 70%) are full or over capacity. The system utilization rate is 96% and is expected to exceed 100% in the next two years. High schools are already at 108% capacity.

One school is under construction in the community of Evanston, and the CBE has received provincial approval for the planning, design or construction of an additional 14 schools in fast-growing areas of Calgary. To meet increasing demand, the Board of Trustees has requested an additional 16 new schools from the province, as well as one addition, one modernization and two replacement schools.

Because it takes several years for new schools to be built, the system utilization rate is still projected to remain at 100% by 2029.



Current Construction Status of New CBE Schools



Additional Modular Classrooms are Needed

[Modular classrooms](#) can provide short-term solutions for schools over capacity. In fall 2025, CBE requested 64 modular classrooms. If approved, this would provide learning spaces for over 1,600 students. This is in addition to the 47 new and 17 relocations approved during 2024 that are expected to be in place for the 2025-26 school year, and the 21 approved during 2025 that are anticipated to be in place for the 2026-27 school year.

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2026-29 Capital Plan Requests

Year 1 New Schools – 8,550 Student Spaces

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| 1. Mahogany K-5 | 7. Legacy 5-9 |
| 2. Legacy K-4 | 8. Kincora/Sage Hill K-5 |
| 3. Walden K-5 | 9. Seton 5-9 |
| 4. Cityscape K-5 | 10. Country Hills K-9 |
| 5. Walden/Wolf Willow K-9 | 11. Belmont K-4 |
| 6. Carrington K-4 | |

Other Year 1 Requests – 980 additional student spaces

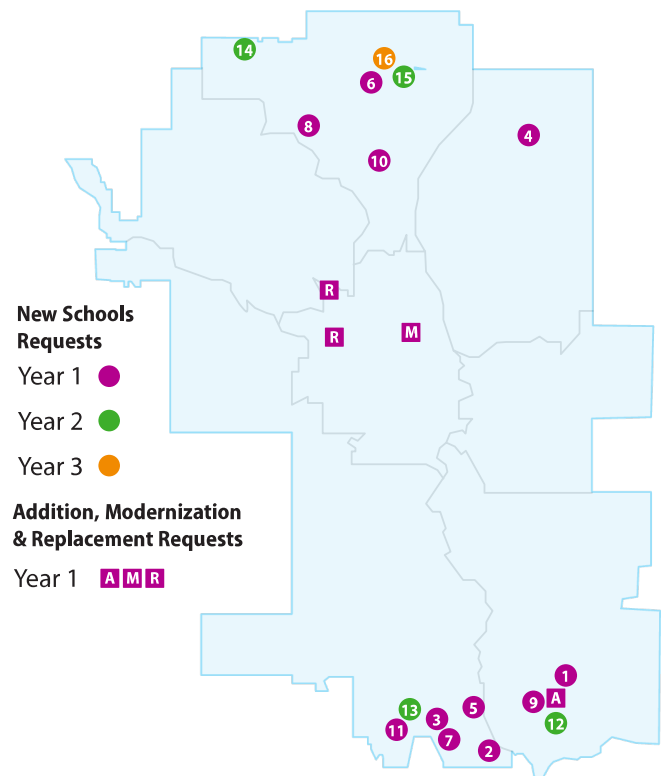
- A** Joane Cardinal-Schubert High School – Addition
M Crescent Heights High School – Modernization
R William Aberhart High School – Replacement School
R Kensington School (Unique Setting) - Replacement School

Year 2 New Schools – 7,820 Student Spaces

12. Seton K-4
13. West Macleod High School
14. Glacier Ridge High School
15. Livingston High School

Year 3 New Schools – 885 Student Spaces

16. Livingston 5-9



Schools are Overflowing

When a school reaches capacity, new registrations are capped and students who live in the community must be overflowed to another school in a different community with available space. As of March 2025, we have 32 schools in overflow. A number of these schools are overflowing to multiple receiver schools as they too reach capacity. When schools are in overflow, more students require transportation and bus rides become longer.

Every Available Space is Being Used

When a student population increases at a school, administration looks to make the best use of other spaces such as learning commons, stages and music rooms for classroom space. This means less flexibility in programming is available.

[Learn more](#) | visit our [Building and Modernizing page](#).

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CBE is running out of space for students. We will be full in the near future and continue to need new schools built in communities across our growing city.

- Board of Trustees