



The Calgary Board of Education

An Alberta Success Story

142,400+ Students



251[^]
schools and
other facilities



44,000+
English as
Additional
Language
(EAL) Learners



29,000+
students with
special needs



6,400+
self-identified
Indigenous
students



28,000+
students in
Alternative
programs



16,000+
employees



27,000+ students
on **626 yellow**
bus routes

The CBE delivers world-class education to one in six Alberta students. We offer a broad range of opportunities to ensure students are successful in their learning. We set high expectations for our students, and our families expect nothing less.

Students are Successful

- CBE students consistently outperform the province on provincial tests and exams.
- High school completion rates continue to increase.
- Prioritizing early literacy is working. Early screening and targeted classroom supports are strengthening foundational skills and reducing the number of students needing additional support over time. In fact, students enrolled in CBE consistently from K-3 show even greater gains.
- Globally, Alberta students ranked second in reading and science and seventh in mathematics based on the 2022 Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development's Programme for International Student Assessment. In Canada, Alberta students rank first in reading and science and second in Mathematics.
- Teachers and professional staff provide specialized supports to ensure all learners can succeed.

Families have Choice

- Families can choose excellent programming at their designated school or alternative programs.
- Choices include languages, science or arts-centred learning and traditional learning centres.
- Starting in middle school, students can choose from course options including robotics, foods, construction, fine and performing arts, computer science and much more.
- CBE offers multiple academic and career pathways for students to complete high school including International Baccalaureate, Advanced Placement, dual credit, exploratory and off-campus opportunities as well as countless other options.

CBE is an Integral Part of the Community

- Schools are the heart of hundreds of Calgary communities, maintaining over 254 facilities across the City.
- Almost 80% of elementary schools offer before and after-school care, and schools are rented more than 56,000 hours annually by community groups.
- More than 16,000 employees live and work in Calgary.
- CBE collaborates with 300+ community and industry partners, the City of Calgary and various post secondary institutions to offer the best learning experiences to students.

Dollars are Allocated Wisely to Support Students

- About 80 cents of every dollar goes directly to schools and central school supports, while the rest is allocated to operations and maintenance, transportation and system administration.
- Administrative costs remain low at just three per cent of our total budget.
- CBE is committed to sustainability and energy efficiency to reduce costs and ensure buildings last for generations. In the past 10 years, energy usage has decreased nearly 16%, solar production has grown almost 20-fold, and 46 schools have earned LEED Gold or Silver certification.

Trustees: Rooted in Community. Driven by Impact

- Local decision-making is necessary to ensure that decisions reflect the needs of CBE families, staff and students and the Calgary-context.
- As careful stewards of public funds, trustees make evidence-based decisions that prioritize classroom investment and support strong learning outcomes and organization success.

**#PROUD
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CBE**

We are committed to ensuring every student has the opportunity to succeed personally and academically, regardless of background, identity or personal circumstances. When our students succeed, our communities benefit.

– Board of Trustees

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[^]Evanston Heights School will open in Aug. 2026
*Sept. 30, 2025 figures