



Kindergarten | Welcome

CBE Mission

Each student, in keeping with his or her individual abilities and gifts, will complete high school with a foundation of learning necessary to thrive in life, work and continued learning.

Age

Under our current regulations, children must be at least four years old on or before March 1 to start kindergarten in the fall of the same calendar year.

Learning opportunities

Your child will have opportunities to:

- explore and experiment with their environment
- interact with others
- develop decision-making skills
- build communication skills
- develop their knowledge and skills in language arts, science, mathematics, social studies and fine arts

Multidisciplinary team

The Calgary Board of Education provides enhanced classroom supports for kindergarten children. Throughout the year, members of a multidisciplinary team, such as speech-language pathologists, occupational therapists, physical therapists, psychologists, behaviour analysts, school family liaison and early learning strategists, may work collaboratively with the classroom teacher and interact with the children in large or small groups. The CBE is proud of these excellent services that enhance learning for children in our kindergarten programs.

Parent involvement

There are many ways for you to become involved in your child's education:

- talk with your child each day about what they did at school
- be positive about the school experience
- volunteer in the school
- attend school council meetings

Designated schools

Visit cbe.ab.ca for registration information and use our "Find a School" tool to find your child's designated school.

Program choices

With more kindergarten programs than anyone else in Calgary, we have a kindergarten program that is right for your child. Your choices include:

- Community schools
- Language programs: French Immersion and German, Mandarin and Spanish Bilingual programs
- Aboriginal
- Montessori
- Traditional Learning Centres (TLCs)
- Science
- All Boys (The CBE also has an all girls program for Grades 4 - 9.)

Transportation

Transportation is available for kindergarten children who attend the designated school for their community and live within the established transportation service area. Contact your school or Transportation Services at 403-817-7433 or email transportation@cbe.ab.ca for more information.

Learn more

Additional early learning information and links to useful resources are available on our website.

cbe.ab.ca/kindergarten

Kindergarten | Getting Ready

Starting kindergarten is an exciting adventure full of promise. Before the school year begins, there are a number of ways that you can help prepare your child for this important experience. Talking about school and helping your child feel excited about their new adventure will make a positive difference.

Learn about the school:

- take your child to the school playground
- attend the school's kindergarten information session

Build your child's independence by encouraging them to:

- dress themselves
- use the bathroom on their own
- put away toys and help out in other small ways at home
- make choices and solve problems

Take time to talk with your child about everyday activities:

- share special activities together, such as walks to the park
- talk about what you are seeing and doing
- talk, read, sing and play in your first language every day

Read to your child every day:

- read stories together to help your child develop vocabulary, listening and speaking skills
- enjoy reading different types of books: picture books, information books, nursery rhymes, poetry
- encourage your child to talk about the pictures and stories as you read together
- visit your community library

Build your child's interest in literacy and numeracy:

- make a game of looking for letters and numbers on community signs and in books
- provide scissors and playdough to strengthen fine motor skills
- provide opportunities for your child to draw with pencils, crayons and felt pens
- help your child print his or her first name, if they are interested
- make new discoveries by exploring together in a playful way

Young children need practice and patient encouragement in their learning. Working together and having fun is just as important as completing tasks.

Every child will be welcomed into the classroom as a unique individual with his or her own strengths. We look forward to learning with your child in the Calgary Board of Education; great learning starts here!



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