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# **Update Regarding Regular Program School Designation for Students Residing in Ricardo Ranch**

The Ricardo Ranch community is in the city's southeast planning sector between Deerfoot Trail SE, the Bow River and 212 Ave SE. Residential development is currently happening in this area. The Ricardo Ranch development will accommodate approximately 18,000 people and will be built over the next 15 to 20 years.

The Calgary Board of Education (CBE) would like to advise of the following school designations for students residing in the community of Ricardo Ranch.

#### Regular Program School Designations for Richardo Ranch

Elementary	McKenzie Lake School	16210 McKenzie Lake Wy SE, Phone 403-777-6500
Junior High	Mountain Park School	312 Mt. Douglas Close SE, Phone 403-777-6442
Senior High	Lord Beaverbrook High School	9019 Fairmount Dr SE, Phone 403-259-5585

General information regarding transportation services, fees and walk zones is available on the Calgary Board of Education's <u>website</u> and at the schools.

## Information Regarding Transportation Services for Regular Programs

Until yellow school bus service is added to new communities, we provide a stop as close as possible to a neighbouring community. The initial bus stop location may not fall within the current CBE guidelines for travel distance to a bus stop. Stops and services are reviewed as conditions change in a new community. For any questions, please contact transportation@cbe.ab.ca.

If the existing bus stop in a neighbouring community does not meet the family's needs, payment in lieu of transportation will be considered until it is safe and feasible to add transportation service in Ricardo Ranch. Payment in lieu means that families receive a daily rate based on the distance travelled, to and from school.

New communities are regularly assessed for their suitability for transportation services. We ensure a consistent and safe path that is clear of obstructions, which are frequently caused by construction supplies and equipment in newer communities. We need city-maintained roads for the yellow school bus to safely enter, maneuver to pick up students and exit the community. Next, we look for an appropriate place for a bus stop that will allow for consistent, safe loading and unloading of passengers. Once there is a safe path and a safe stop location, we add yellow school bus service to new communities.

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## **Alternative Program Designations for Richardo Ranch**

The CBE also offers many alternative program choices for our students. For information regarding designations to other CBE programming opportunities, visit <a href="Program Options">Program Options</a>. The following chart outlines Ricardo Ranch school designations for alternative programs:

Program	Elementary (if applicable)	Middle/Junior (if applicable)	Senior (if applicable)
French Immersion	Sundance	David Thompson	Dr E.P. Scarlett
Spanish Bilingual	Eugene Coste	Robert Warren	Crescent Heights
Chinese/Mandarin Bilingual	Midnapore	Harold Panabaker	
TLC	Le Roi Daniels	Fairview	
Science	Maple Ridge	R.T. Alderman	
Arts Centred Learning		Willow Park	
All Girls	Alice Jamieson	Alice Jamieson	
Montessori	Lake Bonavista		
German Bilingual	Bowcroft		
All Boys	Sir James Lougheed		
Indigenous Focus	Niitsitapi Learning Centre or Piitoayis Family		

#### Information Regarding Transportation Services for Alternative Programs

Students attending alternative programs may be designated to general transportation under the congregated bus stop model or to Calgary Transit. Congregated stops are used when students from the same or multiple communities congregate or gather at one stop to take a bus to their chosen school.

The bus stop may be well beyond reasonable walking distance from a student's home. Families are responsible for student safety to and from the bus stop and may be required to arrange transportation to and from the congregated stop.

Information regarding students in Grades 6 and up who are designated to Calgary Transit is available on the Calgary Board of Education's website.

In the CBE and across the city, we are experiencing a school bus driver shortage that may impact the mode of service provided. Please be assured that we are doing everything possible to restore the reliability of transportation services. Visit <a href="Busing & Transportation">Busing & Transportation</a> for important transportation information, and to register for transportation, visit <a href="MyCBE">MyCBE</a>.

If you have questions or require additional information, please contact the Area 5 office at 403-777-8412 (extension 0) or <a href="mailto:Area5@cbe.ab.ca">Area5@cbe.ab.ca</a>.

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