

















Thursday, January 25, 2024







learning | as unique | as every student







Choice | Alternative Programs

- Science
- Indigenous Education
- Arts-Centred
- All Boys
- All Girls
- Languages (French, German, Mandarin, Spanish)
- Montessori
- Traditional Learning Centre (TLC)





Why Alternative Programs?

- Providing families choices to appeal to the interests and preferences of each student
- Programs focus on a particular language, culture, subject (Arts, Science), or teaching philosophy
- Informed choice is essential what is THIS particular program about and how does it meet MY child's needs?





Inform | Key Messages

- Each program has unique features
- Integrity of the program remains the same across sites
- All sites follow Alberta Programs of Study with ATA certificated teachers
- All schools requiring a lottery follow the CBE lottery process
- Aligned with system timeframe for registration
- There is a designated Alternative Program school for each home address





Timeline | Registration/Lottery

- § Opens January 15, 2024
- § Closed noon on Tuesday before Teachers' Convention (February 13, 2024)
- § Lottery drawn on Wednesday before Teachers' Convention (February 14, 2024)
- § Results of the lottery draw sent within 10 business days of the draw (February 29, 2024)
- § Parents must accept/decline within 10 business days from the date of the acceptance letter





Inform | Lottery Process

- Where a program is oversubscribed the lottery process will be employed
- Registrations are categorized using 3 priorities:
 - Priority 1 siblings in walk zone
 - Priority 2 walk zone, no siblings or outside walk zone with sibling
 - Priority 3 designated attendance area
- Notification of acceptance via email by 10 business days after the lottery

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Alternative Programs





School Engage | Expression of Interest

Not a current CBE student: Registration is required Go to www.cbe.ab.ca/registration
Register your child through School Engage

Current CBE student: Complete the Expression of Interest Form through School Engage:

- by noon on February 13, 2024 for schools in lottery; and
- until further notice for all other Alternative Programs

All Expression of Interests are based on Priority Lisas stated in Administrative Regulation 6090 | Childand Student Registration and Admission.

- Completing an Expression of interest does not guarantee acceptance into an alternative progra
- Registration will not occur until a family receives an offer of acceptance and an invitation to regist

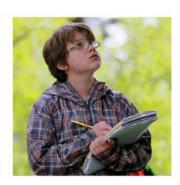
Please ensure you fill out ALL sections of School Engage when registering, uploading all pertinent documents helps streamline the records.





Inform | Transportation

- K-5 yellow bus transportation provided following CBE congregated stop guidelines for alternative programs
- transportation for grades 6-9 may be offered through congregated yellow bus stops or Calgary Transit (no rebates are provided)
- parents pay an annual fee for CBE yellow bus service or purchase monthly Calgary Transit passes
- Congregated stops are reviewed annually and informed by preregistration for transportation, online through MyCBE/PowerSchool
- Congregated stops may not be within walking distance and alternate arrangements may be required to access the congregated stop





Elements of the Science Program

- an emphasis on the development of scientific literacy
- a focus on critical thinking through science and technology perspectives across subject areas using Alberta Education curriculum
- extensive field studies to enhance
 classroom inquiry (approximately 10 –
 20 per year) across all seasons





Differences and similarities with community school programs:

Differences:

- Students learn through the "lens of science"
- Focus on inquiry-based learning
- Mandatory field studies
- Blended CTF program
- Focus on journaling

Similarities:

- Alberta Curriculum
- Daily Physical Education
- Character
- Citizenship
- Personal Development





The Science Program classroom:

- engages students through the practice of scientific inquiry and experiential learning
- engages with experts in the field of science and technology
- explores opportunities to participate in science across all areas of the curriculum
- instills a collaborative approach to seeking solutions to complex problems





A Science Program student...

- has a love of science and curiosity about how the world works
- has a willingness to take risks in learning and is comfortable with ambiguity
- exemplifies a resiliency for learning in outdoor environments in all weather conditions





Other considerations:

- extra field study fee per student for whole class day trips
- parent commitment to volunteer for field studies (3 times per year per child)
- transportation fee
- lunchroom supervision fee (gr. 5-6)
- Noon activity fee (gr. 7-9)
- student supply fee
- field experience fees





RT Alderman School

- Middle School Athletics
- Lunch Clubs
- Monday Thursday: 6 periods a day & 2 rotation
- Friday: 4 periods a day
- Currently
 - 4 grade 5 HR
 - 4 grade 6 HR
 - 6 grade 7 HR
 - 5 grade 8 HR
 - 5 grade 9 HR
- 1 Resource Teacher & 2 Educational Assistants
- Lunch & Outside
- Specialists 2 teachers (1 of which is a HR teacher)
- CTF wheel in grade 7-9 (no traditional options, except for BAND).
- Science Fair CYSF









Thank You

Please contact the school if you have any further questions or concerns