



Foundation

“Kindergarten is a program that not only helps prepare children for entry into Grade 1, but also provides a foundation for later success. The purpose of Kindergarten is to provide learning experiences that are developmentally appropriate in order to meet the diverse needs of children and promote a positive attitude toward lifelong learning. A child whose developmental needs have been met is more likely to grow into a self-reliant, responsible, caring and contributing member of society.”

Alberta Education

How to Register

Registration is ongoing throughout the school year. The Calgary Catholic School District offers half-day (either morning or afternoon) kindergarten programs. To register, children must turn four years old on or before March 1 of their kindergarten year. The child's birth certificate should be presented at the time of registration. Contact your local elementary school for more information. Please note that schools, other than year-round, are closed during the summer from June 30 until mid-August.

To Find Out More

For information about the school assigned to your community, please visit our website at www.cssd.ab.ca or call 403-500-2000.

For more information on kindergarten, download a copy of “Kindergarten - Curriculum Express for Parents” (Catholic Version) from the Alberta Education website at:

www.education.alberta.ca/parents/resources/express.aspx



Kindergarten



Living and Learning in our Catholic Faith

The Calgary Catholic School District offers kindergarten programming within a faith-based learning environment. All district schools are part of the Catholic Community of Caring initiative founded on the values of faith, family, caring, responsibility, respect and trust. Parents and children will experience an educational setting where:

- a diverse and inclusive school community is fostered
- developmentally appropriate learning experiences are provided in order to meet the diverse needs of students
- Catholic values permeate all curricular areas
- families are welcomed into the school community, with parents being recognized as the primary educators of their child
- opportunities exist for expressing lived faith through school based social justice and service activities

Kindergarten Programming

Young children benefit from programs that provide opportunities for purposeful play through which they can explore the world around them. The kindergarten program focuses on seven areas of learning, including early literacy; early numeracy; citizenship and identity; environment and community awareness; personal and social responsibility; physical skills and well being, and creative expression.

Diverse Choices to Meet Unique Needs

The Calgary Catholic School District (CCSD) is proud to meet the unique needs of its students by offering a wide range of educational options and alternative programs.

CCSD recognizes that learning can be more successful and rewarding through a variety of program options which reflect students' unique abilities, learning styles, learning needs and interests.

Children with special education needs should register at their local school. CCSD believes that kindergarten children with identified special education needs are best accommodated in an inclusive setting at their neighbourhood school. Speech-language, occupational and physical therapists contracted from Renfrew Educational Services provide support to every kindergarten class.

Year-Round Education

Some CCSD schools offer year-round education. If you are interested in learning more about which schools provide this option, please visit our website at www.cssd.ab.ca or call 403-500-2000.



Language Programs

The demand for language programs increases as Calgary becomes more culturally diverse. Learning a second language greatly contributes to a student's educational experiences, personal growth and development of higher level thinking skills.

Several of our elementary schools are proud to offer students one of the following language programs:

- French Immersion
- International Spanish Academy
- Italian Language and Culture

Children may enroll in these programs (Early French Immersion, International Spanish Academy or Italian Language and Culture) in kindergarten or Grade 1. No previous background in the language is necessary. For more information about these programs, please visit our website at www.cssd.ab.ca or call 403-500-2720.

English Language Learning (ELL)

Calgary Catholic schools provide assistance to students whose first language is not English. This instruction assists students in acquiring the necessary fluency in English so they can integrate as easily as possible into the regular classroom.

Reception Centre

ELL students who are new to Canada can register at the Reception Centre, located at St. John, 15 - 12 Street NW. Parents should make an appointment by phoning 403-500-2007.