



Killarney School

Montessori Program

January 29, 2026

learning | as unique | as every student



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Alternative Programs



Choice | Alternative Programs

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

Alternative Programs



Why Alternative Programs?

- Providing families choices to meet the unique learning needs 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?

Alternative Programs



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 for Registration

Registration **opens January 12th** for the 2026-2027 school year.

- Registration is **ONGOING**.
- Registration is paused on **Tuesday February 10, 2026** at 12:00pm for Lottery Schools.
- Lottery drawn on Wednesday February 11, 2026 by 12:00pm.
- Results of the lottery draw sent within 10 business days of the draw.
 - Teacher's Convention counts as business days, weekends and Family Day does not
- Parents must accept/decline within 10 business days from the date of the acceptance offer letter/email.



Registration is Online | New and Current CBE Students

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Get Involved

Current CBE Students

Expression of Interest | School Engage

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Select One Of The Following Options

I Want To Register A Child

I have other children in the CBE and I want to register another child for an alternative program

Start Registration ⊕

Moving From One Program To Another

My child is already registered in one program (regular or alternative) and I would like to move to a different program (regular or alternative)

Move Programs ⊕

Program Selection

Select One

Alternative Program

I am seeking to move in to an Alternative Program.

Alternative Program ⊕

Regular Program

I am seeking to move into the Regular Program

Regular Program ⊕

International Baccalaureate Programme (IB)

I am seeking to move into the IB Programme

IB Program ⊕

Registration is Online with School Engage

- The registration form is approximately 16 tabs
- Ensure you have a few minutes to fill these out
- You may **SAVE** and return to the form
- Required documents prior to beginning your forms



SchoolEngage



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School Registration

New to The Calgary Board of Education

If you are new to The Calgary Board of Education, please create an account in SchoolEngage.

[Create Account](#)

Sign In

Sign In to register new students and complete forms.

EMAIL

Please enter your email address

PASSWORD

Forgot password?

[Sign In](#)

Registration Documentation

WHAT YOU WILL NEED

Prior to starting the registration process you will require the following information:

- **Proof of primary address:**

Where the child resides. It must include the parent / legal guardian / independent student name.

Examples include: bank statement, driver's licence, GST rebate, utility bill, home or renters insurance, income tax statement, mortgage statement, property tax assessment or the Canada Revenue Agency letter

- **Child's proof of age, citizenship and legal name:**

Examples include: Alberta Birth Certificate, Canadian Birth Certificate, Canadian passport, Canadian Citizenship Card, Canadian Citizenship Certificate, Confirmation of Permanent Residence or the Canadian Certificate of Indian Status

- A **selfie** with the legal guardian / parent government issued photo identification

Additional documentation may be required:

- [Custody / Guardianship](#)

- [Student Health Form](#)

- [Student Assessment](#)

Students who are not Canadian citizens will be contacted after registration by the [CBE Welcome Centre](#).



Alternative Programs | Schools in Lottery Registration Process

Complete the Registration Process Following These 5 Steps

1

Create a SchoolEngage Account



1. Go to [SchoolEngage](#)
2. Click Create Account button
3. Complete the Account Form
4. Check your Email for Confirmation and Click on the Confirmation Link
5. Sign in to SchoolEngage
6. Add a student

Refer to [SchoolEngage Support](#) for detailed steps

Launch SchoolEngage 

2

Complete Registration Form

By 12:00 PM, Feb. 10, 2026 Deadline

In SchoolEngage complete the appropriate Registration Form by the Feb. 10 deadline.

In this step you can select **both** your child's designated regular designated program and alternative program school.

TIP

Remember to hit the green **Submit** at the end of the Registration form to ensure it has been fully completed.

3

Completed Form Sent to School For Processing

Please be patient as the school works through all their completed registrations.

School staff will contact you if there are any questions or concerns.

Please do not call the school.

4

School Informs Parents By Feb. 26, 2026

The school informs the parent if there is space in the program for their child.

School may require additional forms to be completed.

5

Parent Acceptance Deadline

By Mar. 12, 2026

You must accept the offer for placement within 10 days of receiving an offer email. The last date required should be March 12 as all offers should be sent out by February 26.

*Students can only be registered at one school



Communication from the school(s)

- We encourage you to wait until you hear if you were successful in the lottery from every school to which you expressed interest.
- Once you accept a placement, **you may not receive any further offers.**
- All offers of placement or confirmation that you were not successful will **come through SchoolEngage.** Existing CBE students may hear directly from the school.

Lottery Zone Maps (LOOK FOR YOUR SCHOOL)

Schools With A Program In Lottery

Several CBE schools have limited capacity for new students. This means we may need to hold a lottery to ensure that all students wishing to attend the school have an opportunity to do so. Review the list below to see if the school(s) you are applying to are listed and register before Feb. 10, 2026, at noon (12 PM). If your designated regular program is listed below, review the [overflow schools list](#) to see where students who are unsuccessful in the lottery will be overflowed.

Note | The list below may change between now and Feb. 10, 2026. It's important to register before the cut-off date to secure your spot in a lottery draw; if the school does not need to run one, your place will be guaranteed.

Lottery Zones

Lottery zones are one factor used to establish priority in the lottery process. To review whether you are within or outside the lottery zone, please select your school from the drop-down menu and then select the map file.

Select a School to View Lottery Zone Map:



Search

2026 - 2027

Regular Program

Alternative Programs

LOTTERY PROCESS

New to CBE (e.g.: Kindergarten)

New To CBE

- 2. Parents/Legal Guardians or Independent Students** complete a registration or expression of interest before the lottery deadline.
- 3. School processes registrations and expressions of interest** as they are received. Every submission is assigned a unique number.
- 4. Lottery Draws are Completed**
Lottery draws are supervised by more than one person, including the school principal or an administration delegate, a school council member, and an administrative assistant.
- 5. Parents or Independent Students are Notified**
Schools inform parents / independent students if they have or have not been accepted into the program.

What if I was not accepted?

<http://www.cbe.ab.ca/registration/registration/lottery/Pages/Lottery-Process.aspx#not-accepted>

- 6. Parent or Independent Student Response**

If you applied to multiple schools/programs, wait to be notified by **all** of them.

If You Accept:

You are automatically placed into that school / program. Any other programs you applied for will be notified, and you will be removed from their lists.

If You Decline:

If an acceptance or placed on a callback list is refused, the student is removed from the list. If the refusal is based on the inability to take all members of a family, the student may remain on the call-back list and be contacted if there is space for all.

LOTTERY PROCESS

Currently Enrolled in CBE (e.g.: grade 1 or higher grades)

Currently Enrolled With CBE

2. Students are automatically designated to their next year's program by their designated school and are included in the lottery.

3. Lottery Draws are Completed

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Schools create a **callback**

(<http://www.cbe.ab.ca/registration/registration/lottery/Pages/Lottery-Process.aspx#callback>) **list**.

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How We Prioritize Students For Lottery

Priority levels influence your chance of being offered a place at a lottery school. If unsuccessful in the lottery, students are placed on a callback list in order of priority level.



- Students living within the lottery zone who have a sibling (brother/sister [half or step, not cousins]) that will be attending the same program in the same school; concurrently (occurring or existing simultaneously).



- Students living outside the lottery zone but in the designated area for the school, who will have a sibling in the same program at the same school concurrently; or
- Students living within the lottery zone who do not have a sibling in the school.



- All other students living in the designated attendance area.



Name NOT Drawn in the Lottery

If the student's name was not drawn in the lottery process for an alternative program, they will **attend their designated regular program school.**

If you select more than one alternative program, **each school will notify you** whether you have been accepted.

If you were not accepted into any of the lottery schools, you will attend your designated regular program school.



Registrations received after Lottery

Students registering for **an alternative program** after the lottery draw must register for their **designated regular program school**, as no additional spaces will be available for the next school year.

Wait List

Waitlist for Alternative & Language programs that exist will be dissolved at the end of September, beginning of October.

Call Back List listed below apply to ONLY overflow schools for designated community school, NOT Alternative or Language Programs



CallBack List

A callback list is used for regular program schools that are overcapacity and cannot accommodate all students who live within the school's designated boundary.

The callback list is prioritized according to the draw order established by a lottery. If a school reaches capacity mid-year and must cap enrolment, the callback list is based on priority designation, registration date and time.

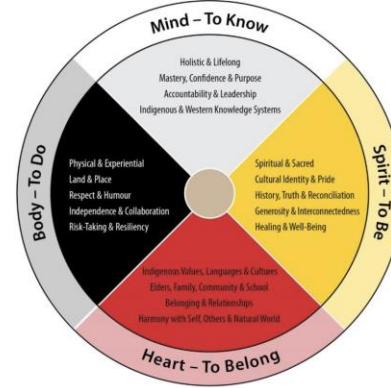
If space becomes available throughout the school year, that space will be offered to students on the callback list who are **currently** attending their overflow or regular program school.

Alternative Programs



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 pre-registration 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



Differences and similarities with community school programs

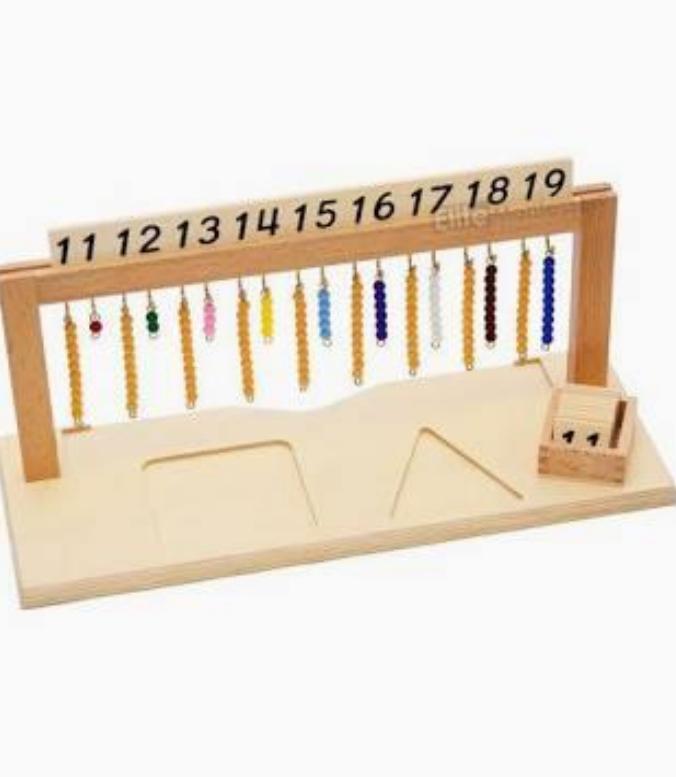
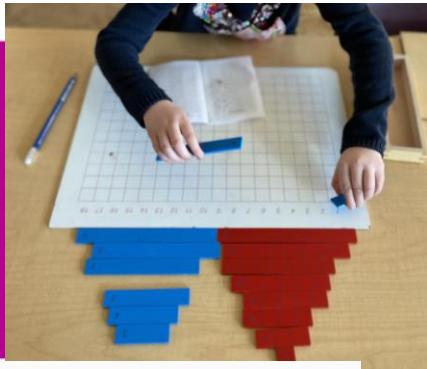
Differences

- Multi-aged grouping of students, where possible
- Peer tutoring
- Student cohorts remain together, building long lasting relationships
- Peace education using a Montessori approach
- Montessori teachers hold an Alberta teaching certificate and Montessori teacher training

Similarities

- Alberta Curriculum
- Second language opportunities
- Physical Education
- Music
- Indigenous Education Holistic Lifelong Learning Framework
- Social Emotional Learning
- Citizenship
- Personal Development

Montessori Program



Elements of the Montessori Program

- The Alberta Programs of Study are shared through the Montessori philosophy, methodology and materials
- Use of materials that are purposeful and promote deep learning of concepts



Montessori Learning in the Classroom



- Provides intentional learning environments that are designed to facilitate self-directed learning
- Provides extended for interdisciplinary work periods

The Montessori classroom:

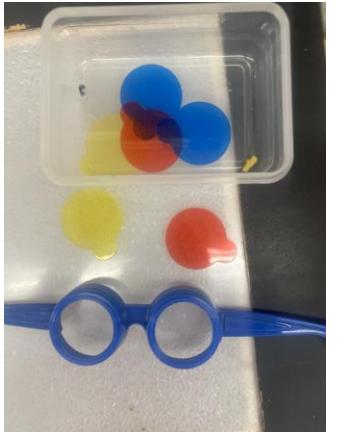
- Illustrates a delicate balance between choice and responsibility
- Students work on a multitude of activities which ignite passions and curiosity
- Supports leadership development through active service in the community and studies related to the environment
- Emphasizes intrinsic motivation, independence, and student choice



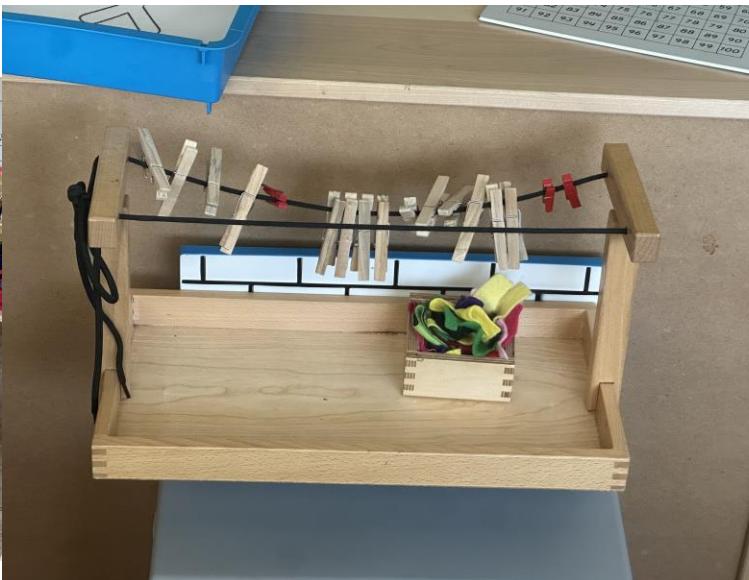


A Montessori student demonstrates...

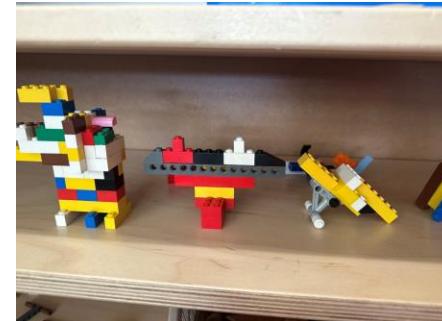
- The ability to work on tasks in large blocks of time where both self-directed learning and collaboration with peers is expected
- Positive engagement in hands-on learning with Montessori materials to extend learning
- The ability to work with children of differing ages, in multi-age classrooms were provided



Play and Practical Life



Community, Math, Literacy in Play





Is the Montessori Program right for my child?



A successful student demonstrates:

- a willingness and capacity to work independently
- an ability to be self-directed
- academic success through engagement in Alberta Curriculum using the Montessori philosophy and methodology
- an appreciation for use of hands-on learning with a diminished focus on homework



Characteristics of the Montessori program:

- Emphasis on intrinsic motivation and student choice
- Intentional learning environments designed to facilitate self-directed learning
- Where possible, multi-aged classrooms are provided, so that students develop trusting relationships within a peer cohort
- Working with students of differing ages encouraging leadership skills and collaboration
- Montessori teachers work towards Montessori teacher training
- Montessori materials extend learning
- Lessons on peace, grace and courtesy are integral to educating social and global responsibility



Entry into the Montessori Program takes place in Kindergarten, Grade 1 and Grade 2 only, unless a child has continuous documented Montessori experience (space dependent).



Students with previous Montessori experience may start the Montessori program at other grade levels. In the case of alternate entry points, the student, parents and principal of the designated school will meet to determine a personalized plan for successful entry.

Montessori Program



School-specific information

- 350 students
- 2 AM and 1 PM Kindergarten class
- 6 grade 1/2 classes
- 4 grade 3/4 classes
- 3 grade 5/6 classes
- Music teacher
- New playground coming 2026-27 school year
- Very involved school council
- MAPSS



Thank You

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