



about homestay

The CBE works with Canada Homestay Network (CHN) who arranges homestay accommodations for children between 15-19 years of age. Living with a Canadian family is an excellent way to learn about Canadian culture and improve English. Calgary is well known for warm, friendly and safe host families.

We work with Canada Homestay Network Relationship Managers who professionally manage all aspects of our homestay program.

CHN's Relationship Managers are responsible for finding high quality host families, matching international students to compatible Calgary families, arranging custodianship, and providing continuous monitoring and support. This ensures a safe and happy experience for all students.

International students and their parents have access to the Relationship Managers 24 hours a day in the event of a problem or emergency.

Calgary host families have been carefully selected.

They warmly welcome international students into their homes and are eager to share their Canadian lifestyle.

The process for admitting host families into our homestay program is a rigorous one. Relationship Managers ensure that all families:

- have been thoroughly interviewed to determine suitability.
- have had their home inspected.
- have successfully passed a police record check.
- speak English as the primary language in their home.
- can provide a private bedroom with study area.
- are willing and enthusiastic about receiving international students.
- include their international student in all family activities.



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For information on how to apply, please visit our web site.

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about Calgary

Situated in the province of Alberta in Canada, Calgary is a vibrant, cosmopolitan city of over 1,300,000 people. Our city is friendly, clean, safe, and it offers a high standard of living. Calgary has a publicly funded health care system with a state-of-the-art Alberta Children's Hospital.

Calgary is one hour away from the world famous Canadian Rocky Mountains and miles of unspoiled wilderness. A wide variety of outdoor activities such as hiking, mountain climbing, skiing, fishing and camping are available.

You will find many cultural attractions, diverse restaurants, beautiful parks and pathways in Calgary, with some of the most picturesque natural areas in North America.

The summer season is warm and comfortable with average temperatures around 23 degrees Celsius. In winter, the average temperature is 0 degrees Celsius. Special winds called Chinooks warm up the city on a regular basis. All public buildings and houses have central heating.

Calgary is a great place to live.

- Ranked as the fifth most livable city in the world for health care, infrastructure, culture, and environment from 2009-2016 (Source: *Economic Intelligence Unit*).
- Alberta high school students ranked among the highest in mathematics, science and writing in English speaking countries (Source: *Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development, PISA, 2015*).
- Sunniest major city in the country with 2,300 hours of sunshine every year (Source: *Calgary Economic Development, lifeincalgary.ca*).
- One of the most affordable cities in Canada to live in; only province in Canada without a sales tax (Source: *Calgary Economic Development, lifeincalgary.ca*).
- Energy capital of Canada with the highest number of head offices per capita (Source: *Calgary Economic Development, calgaryeconomicdevelopment.com*).
- Home of the 1988 Winter Olympics.

Calgary is a vibrant city offering first-class amenities and is surrounded by natural beauty.



about the Calgary Board of Education

The Calgary Board of Education welcomes the world. We are dedicated to student success and creating rich and dynamic learning experiences. For our students, we create purpose, inspire passion, encourage growth and connect learning to social awareness.

The Calgary Board of Education (CBE) is the largest public school district in Western Canada, with more than 235 schools, serving over 120,000 students.

The CBE follows the Alberta government's Program of Studies. All schools in the province of Alberta must follow this curriculum. Students who successfully complete high school courses are eligible to receive credits toward an Alberta high school diploma.

The CBE offers a wide range of program choices.

In addition to academic courses, all students take a range of options to ensure a well-rounded education. An international student coordinator works with students to provide a customized timetable based on their goals, needs and interests. We also provide full ESL support for international students at no additional charge.

International students are encouraged to get involved in extra-curricular activities. This is a great way to meet Canadian friends.

academic | available at all CBE schools:

- English
- Mathematics
- Social Studies
- Science (General Science, Biology, Chemistry and Physics)
- Second languages (e.g., French, Spanish)

electives | available at some of our CBE high schools:

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| Art | Design Studies | Languages | Sports Medicine |
| Autobody | Drama | Leadership | Sports Performance |
| Automotive Services | Enterprise/Innovation | Legal Studies | Tourism |
| Computing Science | Fashion | Marketing | Visual Arts |
| Construction | Film Studies | Music | Welding |
| Cosmetology | Financial Management | Physical Education | |
| Culinary Arts | Information Processing | Pre-Engineering | |
| Dance | Journalism | Psychology | |

extra-curricular activities | available at most CBE high schools:

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| Badminton | Debate | Photography | Swimming (limited) |
| Basketball | Field hockey | Rugby | Theatre |
| Chess | Football | Soccer | Track and Field |
| Choir | Outdoor clubs | Student Council | Volleyball |



about our schools and students

Our teachers are required to have Alberta Government certification and must possess a university degree in Education. Many of our teachers have Masters and Doctoral degrees in teaching and learning that demonstrate their commitment and love of teaching.

Our safe and caring schools welcome international students from kindergarten to grade 12. School selection is based on student needs and a convenient location to home.

International students may join our high school for one semester or longer. Students who spend more than one year have the option of completing high school and receiving an Alberta high school diploma.

CBE international students are successful.

Our high schools (grades 10-12) ensure a positive international experience by having an international student coordinator on staff who:

- provides a comprehensive academic and social orientation upon arrival.
- encourages international students to become involved in school activities.
- provides opportunities to meet Canadian friends.

Parents stay connected.

Families can connect with the school coordinator and through web-based technology to monitor their child's progress throughout the school year.

Pathways to post-secondary are available.

An Alberta high school diploma is recognized at universities, colleges and technical schools around the world. Guidance counsellors advise students of post-secondary options and assist with the application process.

Calgary Board of Education consistently ranks among the top school districts in the world in academic achievement.

- On Grade 12 Diploma Exams, a large percentage of our students achieve excellence in Chemistry, Physics, Biology and Math.
- CBE high school students consistently score higher than world averages on the International Baccalaureate (IB) and Advanced Placement (AP) exams.
- Alberta students ranked among the highest in mathematics, science and writing in English speaking countries on the international PISA test (Programme for International Student Assessment 2015).

Canada is a top country for students to learn. Within Canada, Alberta leads among provinces. Within Alberta, Calgary students lead.

