

# École William Reid School



## Open House in 2025-2026



learning | **as unique** | as every student



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# Introductions



- Principal : Kenzie Rushton
- Assistant Principal: Sheri Bullough
- Administrative Secretaries: Markus Jagrelius and Naomi Sorensen
- Kindergarten Teachers: Rémy Gunn and Jess Walsh Moreau
- Grade 1 – 4 Staff

# About William Reid



- ***Our Motto:*** Nous travaillons bien ensemble (We work well together)
- At William Reid we believe in providing an **inclusive, safe and caring community**.
- Our values are **students come first** and are encouraged to be engaged and active in their learning and to achieve their full potential through a **culture of togetherness, respect, kindness and cooperation in a second language**.



## School Hours

### Monday - Thursday

Gr 1-4 8:02AM – 2:50PM

AM KG 8:02AM – 10:54AM

PM KG 11:58PM – 2:50PM

### Friday

Gr 1-4 8:02AM - 12:00 Noon

KG 8:02AM - 12:00 Noon alternating

Fridays (refer to calendar for alternating schedule, on School Website)



# Alternative Language Programs



- Providing families choices to meet the unique learning needs of each student
- Language Programs focus on a particular language, culture, subject (French, German, Mandarin, Spanish).
- Informed choice is essential – what is THIS particular program about and how does it meet MY child's needs?

## Benefits to Learning Another Language

Additional Language learning:

- Enables students to further develop their **literacy, problem-solving and memory skills** while building confidence and pride in learning another language.
- **Strengthens English literacy skills.** Children who learn an additional language show either comparable or enhanced first-language literacy.
- Provides students with **more choices for advanced education** and career options as it gives them an edge in the global job market.
- Expands the intellect
- Teaches responsible citizenship



## Benefits to Learning Another Language

Additional Language learning:

- Develops **enhanced feelings of self-esteem and pride** in having acquired an additional language
- Encourages the **joy of lifelong learning**
- Promotes exploration, understanding and **appreciation of the many different cultures** around the world and contributes to multilingualism and multiculturalism
- Allows students to **compete internationally**
- Broadens **students' cultural life** through access to literature, art, music and theatre in another language



Watch your child  
become fluent.

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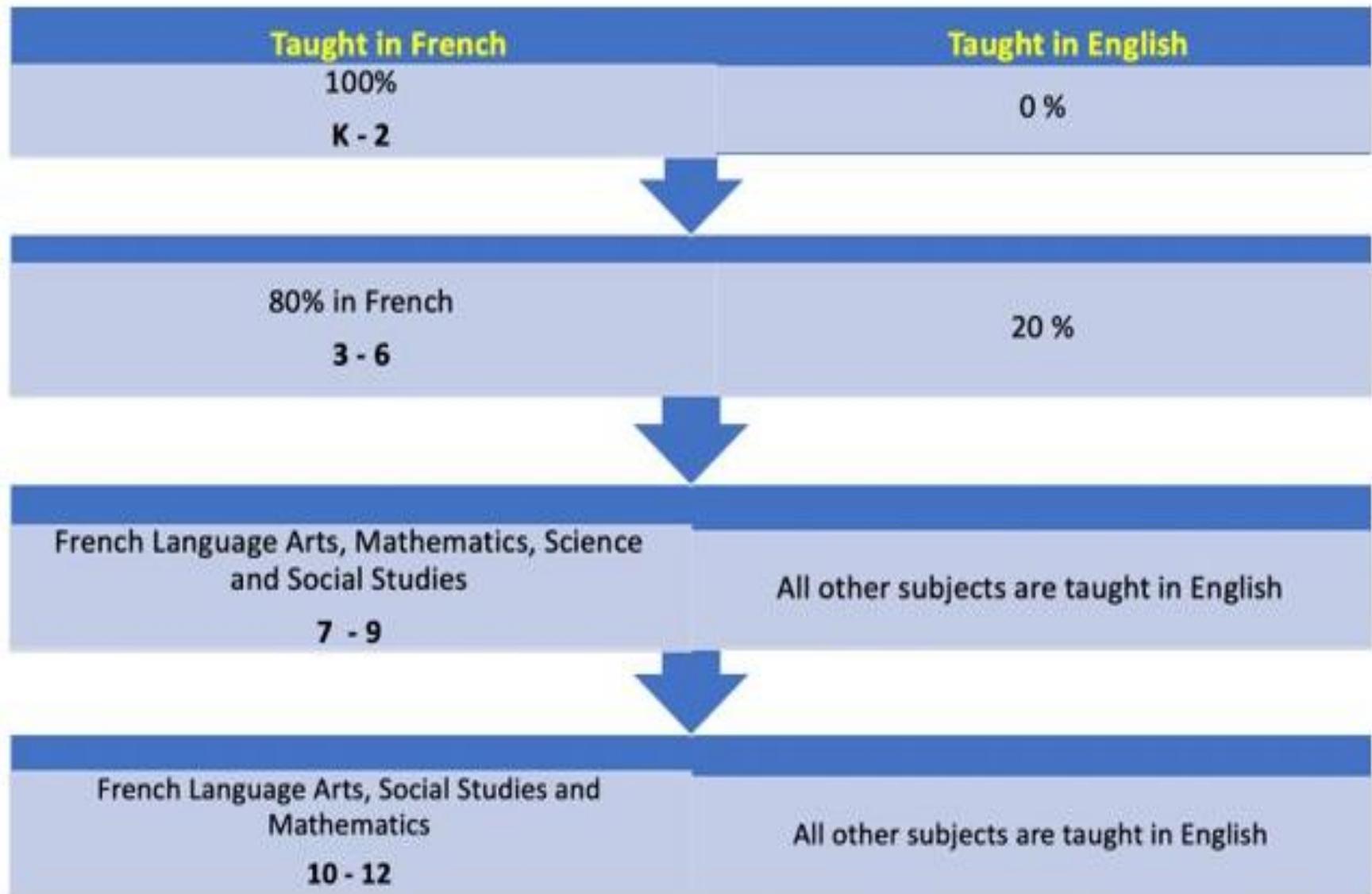


## A French Immersion Education: Your Gateway to the World.

**Empowered. Globally competent. Equipped to actively participate in the world.**

### Who Can Register

- Children entering Kindergarten or Grade 1.
- Previous French speaking experience is not required and parents do not need to know the language.
- Entry points other than Kindergarten or Grade 1 are determined in conversation with the school administration



**OPTIONAL:**

The DELF - official qualifications awarded by the French Ministry of Education to certify the competency of candidates from outside France in the French language. These certificates are valid for life.

# Timeline for Registration

Registration has **opened 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
  - As with the last two years, the goal is to have it out by the 23 (7 business days)
- Parents must accept/decline within 10 business days from the date of the acceptance offer letter/email.



# Kindergarten Registration

- Registration in Kindergarten is for the Kindergarten year **only**.
- Any child who *will not turn 5* by Dec. 31, 2026, is *too young to register* for kindergarten.  
**Note** | Any child who will not turn 6 by Dec. 31, 2026, is too young to register for grade one.
- Schools **will not** guarantee continued attendance for Grade 1 if:
  - the child lives outside the attendance area;
  - the child will be considered non-resident in Grade 1; or
  - if all legal guardians are of the Roman Catholic faith.





## AM or PM

- We have a half day Kindergarten program
- We strive to balance classes based on class size, gender, learning needs, day care needs, etc. . .
- **Registration is not a first come/ first served**
- AM/PM is a preference not a guarantee

# Registration is Online | New and Current CBE Students

[www.cbe.ab.ca](http://www.cbe.ab.ca)

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# Current CBE Students Expression of Interest | School Engage

**Alternative Programs**

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 !\[\]\(ad41fba5411ac31a4e257c6299dc3182\_img.jpg\)](#)

**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 !\[\]\(e7d355f3419b5614c98e5627b7544acf\_img.jpg\)](#)

**Program Selection**

Select One

**Alternative Program**

I am seeking to move in to an Alternative Program.

[Alternative Program !\[\]\(cf979ed05c3e88e8ff057f008a709755\_img.jpg\)](#)

**Regular Program**

I am seeking to move into the Regular Program

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**International Baccalaureate Programme (IB)**

I am seeking to move into the IB Programme

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# 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 4 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

In SchoolEngage complete the appropriate Registration Form for your child's designated school.

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

**Do not** register your child for your designated overflow 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 Confirms Registration

The school confirms student registration and adds your child to the call-back list.

The student's registration information **will automatically be transferred** to the overflow school.

School may require additional forms to be completed.



# Lottery Process

## What Is Lottery

A lottery is a way to equitably enrol students when a school, program or grade is identified to be at or over capacity.

As Calgary continues to grow and evolve, so does our student population, which means some schools or programs may reach capacity. Meaning some schools must run lotteries.

Lotteries ensure fair and equitable access to schools, programs (regular or alternative), or grades when student populations are at capacity or over capacity. Schools usually conduct lotteries for the grade of entry (for example, kindergarten or Grade 10), but they may also need to hold lotteries for specific grades or programs.

The lottery happens in February.

# LOTTERY PROCESS

## New to CBE (e.g.: Kindergarten)

**1. A school, program or grade is identified to be at or over capacity and is moved into lottery status**

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

- 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)

1. A school, program or grade is identified to be at or over capacity and is moved into lottery status.

### 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**  
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.  
**Schools create a [callback](#)**  
(<http://www.cbe.ab.ca/registration/registration/lottery/Pages/Lottery-Process.aspx#callback>) [list](#).
4. **Parents or Independent Students are Notified**  
Schools inform parents / independent students whether 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>)
5. **Parent or Independent Student Response**  
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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 placement on a call-back 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.

# 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.

# 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



## 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.



## 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.

# 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.



## Additional Considerations



**Investigate before and after school care**, well in advance of the school start as they often have wait lists (Seeds of Spice)

**Additional costs** may be incurred for school-related field trips, performances and other learning and enrichment opportunities, such as: Bow Habitat, Calgary Zoo, Teacher's Pet

## Questions?

Next: please visit school and all  
classrooms (7 and 9 Kindergarten)

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