

Languages



Sundance School French Immersion Information Night 2025-2026

learning | as unique | as every student



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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
- 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.

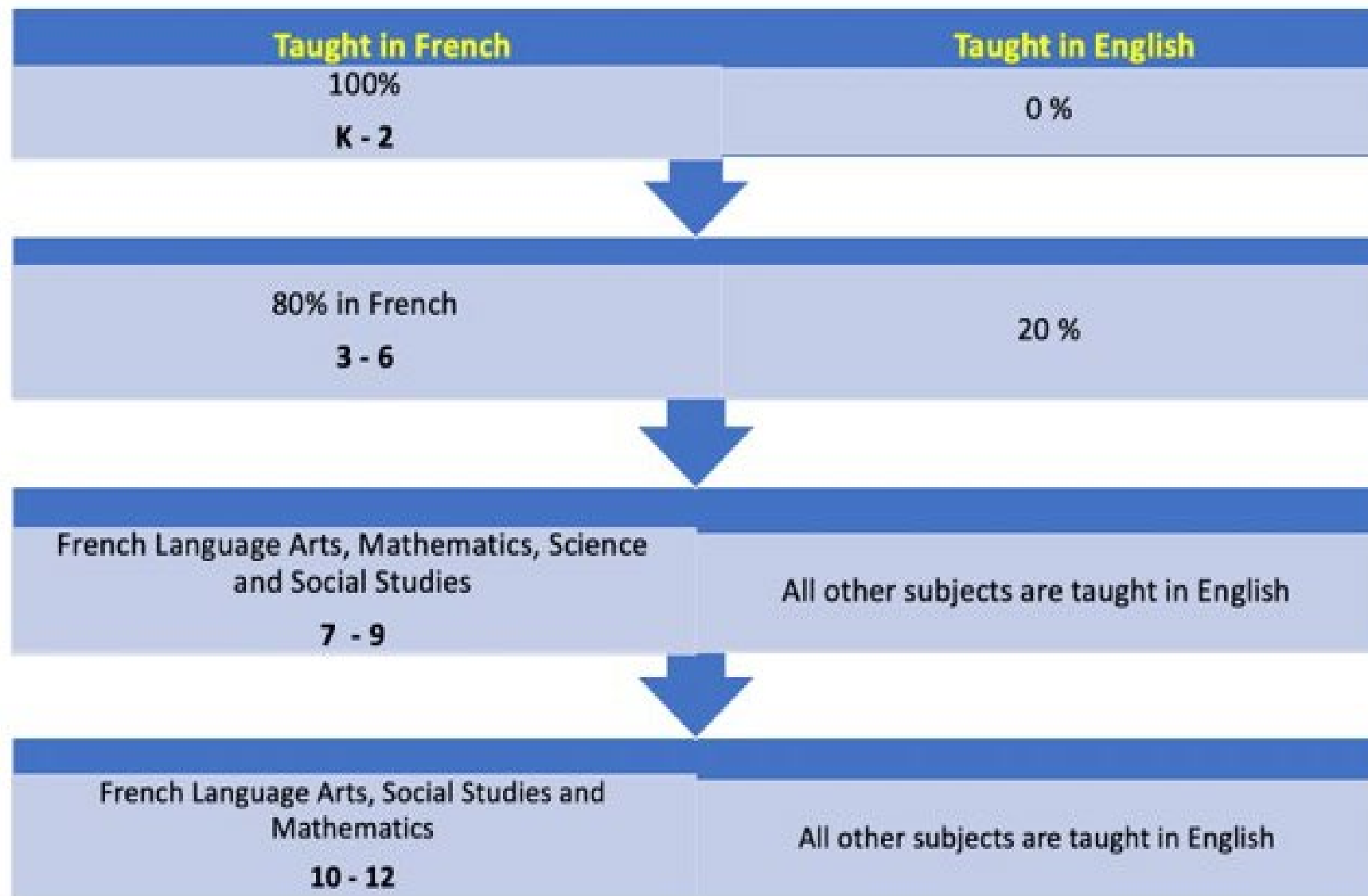
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**A French Immersion Education: Your Gateway to the World.
Empowered. Globally competent. Equipped to actively participate
in the world.**

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.

Late French Immersion

Late French Immersion begins with a period of concentration on French language development so the students achieve a strong foundation in French on which to base their continued learning.

Grades 7-9

French Language Arts, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies are taught in French; all other subjects are taught in English.

Grades 10-12

French Language Arts, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies are taught in French. The Alberta Education Programs of Studies are the same for each subject, regardless of the language instruction.

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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
 - As with the last two years, the goal is to have results out by the 23 (7 business days)
- 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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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 ➞

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 ➞

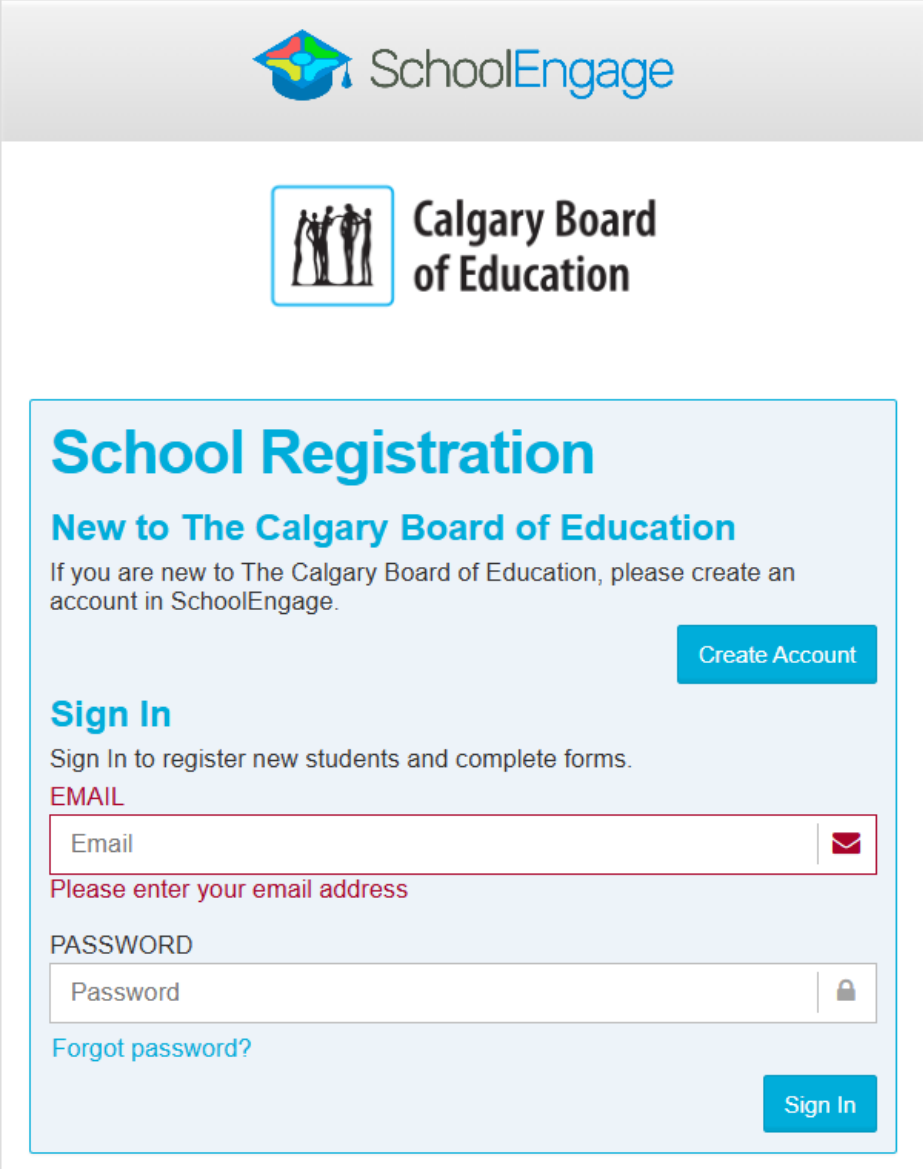
International Baccalaureate Programme (IB)

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



The screenshot shows the School Engage website interface. At the top, there is a header with the SchoolEngage logo (a colorful graduation cap) and the text "SchoolEngage". Below this is the Calgary Board of Education logo, which features a stylized group of people and the text "Calgary Board of Education". The main content area is titled "School Registration" in large blue font. Below this, it says "New to The Calgary Board of Education" and "If you are new to The Calgary Board of Education, please create an account in SchoolEngage." There is a blue button labeled "Create Account". Below this, there is a "Sign In" section with the text "Sign In to register new students and complete forms." It includes an "EMAIL" field with a red border and a red envelope icon, and a "PASSWORD" field with a red border and a lock icon. Below the email field, it says "Please enter your email address". Below the password field, there is a link "Forgot password?". At the bottom right of the sign-in section, there is a blue button labeled "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 Timeline

- To have your Registration / Expression of Interest considered for the Lottery, it must be **completed and submitted by Noon on Tuesday, Feb. 10, 2026**
- Schools will hold lotteries at Noon on Wednesday, Feb. 11, 2026
- Results of the lottery will be communicated to families **within 10 business days**
- Families **will then have 10 business days** to respond to any offers of placement



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**

Lottery Zone Maps (Look for Sundance)

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)

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.

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

Priority 1

- 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).

Priority 2

- 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.

Priority 3

- 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.



Registration Questions?

Email: Sundance@cbe.ab.ca

Telephone: 403 777 8690 x 0

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