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Escuela Dalhousie

Spanish Bilingual Program

Welcome!
Bienvenido!
Open House 2025

learning | as unique | as every student



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of Education





Acknowledging the Land Where We Gather

Oki, Dadánast'áda, Ába Wathtec, Tānisi, Taanishi, Bonjour, Hello

The Calgary Board of Education acknowledges the traditional territories and oral practices of the Treaty 7 Nations, including the Siksikaitsitapi, comprised of the Siksika, the Kainai, the Piikani, and the Amskapi Piikani Nations. We acknowledge the Tsuut'ina Nation, the Îyârhe Nakoda, comprised of the Chiniki, Bearspaw, and Goodstoney Nations, the Métis Nation within Alberta, and all people who make their homes in the Treaty 7 region of southern Alberta.

This land on which we gather is traditionally known as Moh'kinstsis (Blackfoot), Guts'ists'i (Tsuut'ina), Wichísipa (Nakoda), and otôskwanihk (Northern Michif & Cree).

As a learning organization, we are committed to advancing the Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action focused on Education for ReconciliACTION.



Evening Program

- Bienvenido/Welcome
- Who we are
- Second Language Benefits
- Spanish Bilingual Beyond grade 6
- School Information and Registration
- Transportation
- Dalhousie Out of School Care
- School Council/Parent Society
- School Tour



Dalhousie School

Grade Configurations

4 Kindergarten classes (alternate days)

4 Grade 1

3 Grade 2

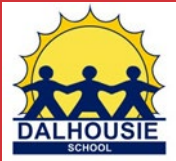
3 Grade 3

3 Grade 4

3 Grade 5

Grade 6 for 2025-2026 (New)





Staff and Resources

- 20 Certified Teaching Staff
- 1 Music Specialist
- 1 Library Assistant
- 3 Educational Assistants
- 2 Office Staff
- 10 Lunchroom Supervisors
- 2 Facility Operators

Bell Schedule

Grade 1 to 5

Monday to Thursday
9:05 AM – 3:50 PM

Friday Classes
9:05 AM – 1:20 PM

Subject to change





Bell Schedule 2025-2026

Kindergarten

Monday to Thursday

AM Group

9:05 AM – 11:55 AM

PM Group

1:00 PM – 3:50 PM

Friday Classes

9:05 AM – 1:20 PM (Alternate)

Alternative Programs

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

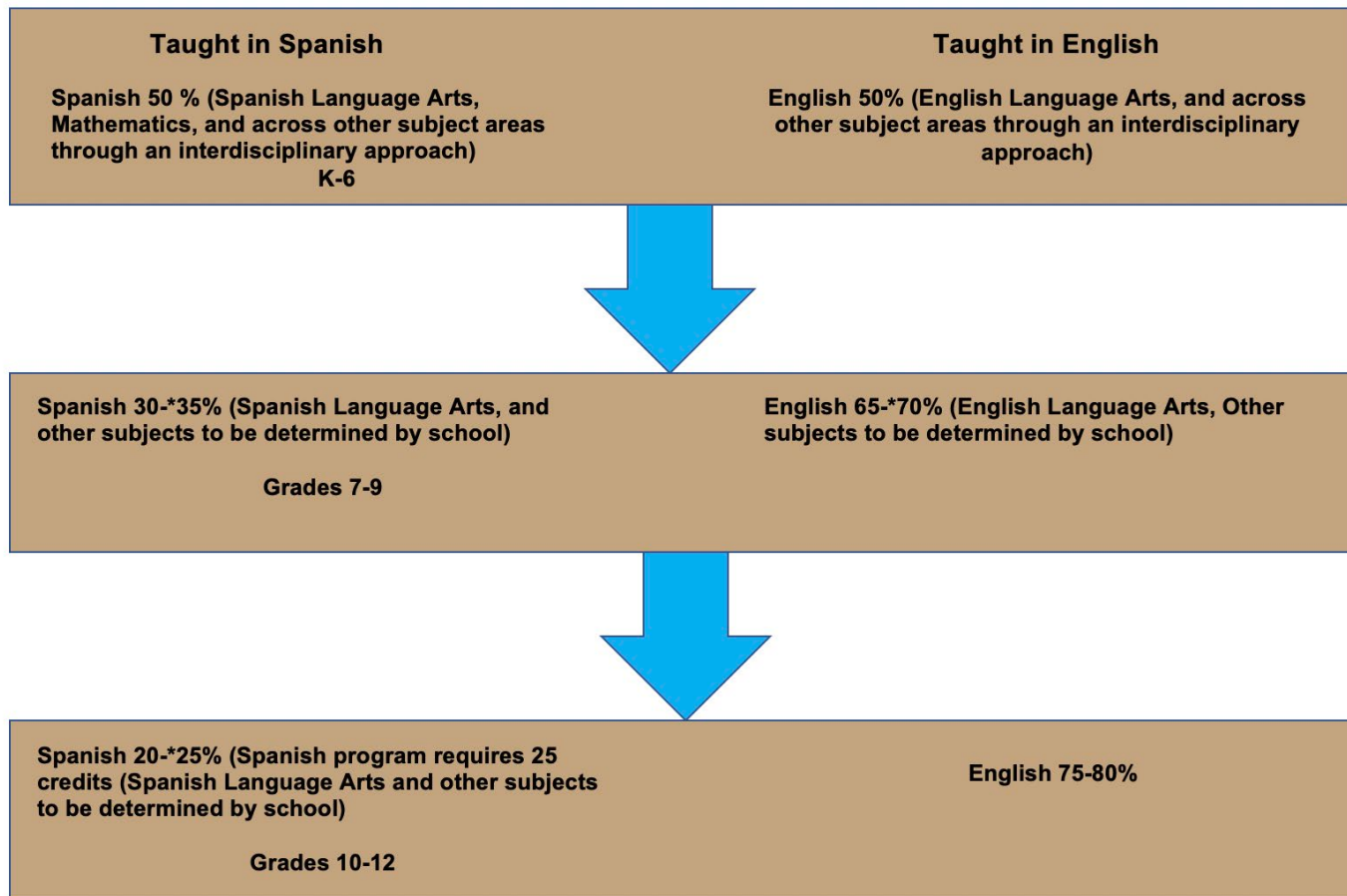


Benefits to Learning Another Language

- Additional Language learning enables students to further develop their literacy, problem-solving and memory skills while building confidence and pride in learning another language.
- 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



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*International Spanish Academy



Spanish Bilingual After Dalhousie

Harald Ludwigsen, Principal

Senator Patrick Burns Junior High School

Lis Edwards-Martinez Zuñiga, Assistant Principal

Crescent Heights High School

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SPANISH BILINGUAL PROGRAM

My Roadmap from Grade 7 to 12

GRADE 7

Laying the Foundation

Students focus on building a solid base in Spanish grammar, vocabulary, and pronunciation. Cultural exploration begins through engaging activities and projects, fostering a love for the language and its rich traditions.

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GRADE 8

Strengthening Skills

Students enhance their Spanish communication skills with more complex grammar and conversational scenarios. They dive deeper into cultural themes, such as music, art, and traditions from various Spanish-speaking countries.

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GRADE 9

Expanding Horizons

Language learning becomes more advanced as students refine their writing, reading, and speaking abilities. They connect their studies to real-world applications, preparing for the transition to high school coursework in Spanish.

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GRADE 10

Welcome to Crescent Heights High School

Students engage in socially relevant topics through Spanish Language Arts 10 and Social Studies 10, improving their analytical and expressive skills. They start connecting with local Spanish-speaking communities through class projects.

GRADE 11

Exploring Connections

Students take Spanish Language Arts 11 and a combined CALM/Intercultural Studies course, exploring diverse worldviews and intercultural communication. They engage in meaningful outreach, preparing them for global opportunities.



Opportunity to travel to Spain with the school or apply to the exchange program through Alberta Ed.

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GRADE 12

Mastering Fluency and Innovating

In Spanish Language Arts 12 and Design Thinking for Innovation 35, students develop advanced language proficiency and apply it to creative, real-world projects. Travel and exchange opportunities further enhance their cultural and academic experience.

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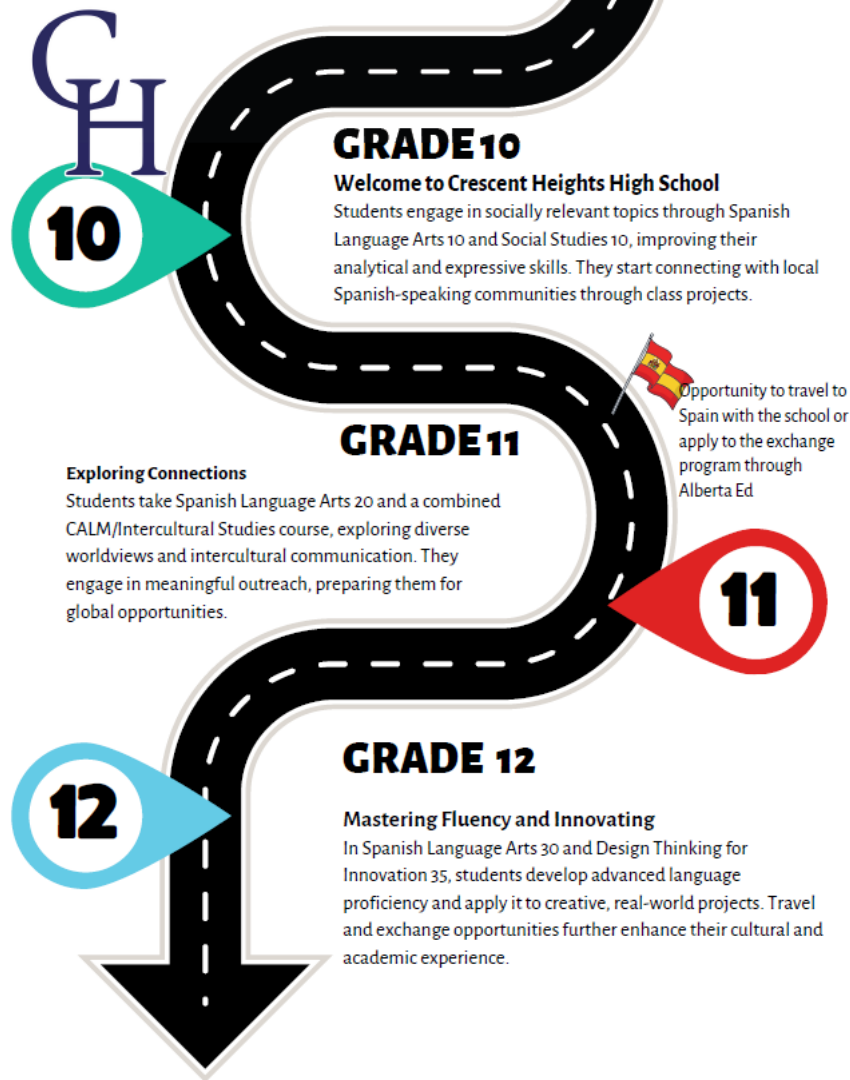
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A Spanish Bilingual Education, Your Gateway to the World Empowered. Globally competent. Equipped to actively participate in the world.

Who Can Register

- Children entering kindergarten or Grade 1
- Previous Spanish experience is not required
- Students with previous Spanish language experience may start the Spanish Bilingual program at other grade levels



Timeline for Registration

- Registration will begin **January 13th** for the 2025-26 school year
- Registration closes at noon on Tuesday before Teachers' Convention (**February 11, 2025**)
- Lottery drawn by noon on Wednesday before Teacher's Convention (**February 12, 2025**)
- Schools notify parents of outcomes of the lottery within 10 business days of the draw (**February 27, 2025**)
- Parents must accept/decline placement within 10 business days from the date of the acceptance letter (**March 13, 2025**)



Watch your child
become fluent.

M is for ~~Moon~~
Luna

Alternative Programs | Expression of Interest

Below is the process for submitting an Expression of Interest for a school not in lottery. This process applies to students currently enrolled in kindergarten to Grade 8. Students currently enrolled and in Grades 9 to 11 must follow [the High School Transfer Process](#).

Complete An Expression of Interest With These 5 Steps

1

Sign In to MyCBE

Open MyCBE 

*This process is only for currently enrolled K-8 students. High school students must complete the High School Transfer Process.

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

2

Open SchoolEngage

In MyCBE navigate to



SchoolEngage is located in the left menu.

3

Complete the Online
Expression of Interest
Form

Find and select the online Expression of Interest Form.

Read the information and complete all the fields in the form.

Tip

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

4

Completed Form Sent to
School for Processing

Please be patient as the school works through all their completed Expression of Interest Forms.

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

Please do not call the school.



Team or Dept. Name

(editable sidebar)



Complete the Registration Process Following These 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 Registration Form

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

TIP

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

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

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School Informs Parents

The school informs the parent they are accepted into the program.

School may require additional forms to be completed.



Transportation Considerations

- 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

Kindergarten Team

Sra. Fredette y Srta. Tugle



- Play-based bilingual program
 - Learning through large and small group instruction, free play, math and literacy centres and other activities.
 - Build language fluency through songs, poems, and stories.
- Full Day to Half Day (AM/PM)
 - Shorter, focused lessons = higher engagement.
 - Greater consistency for daily routines and language exposure in Spanish.
- May/June Kindergarten Orientation – more specific information will be given at this point.
- Any specific questions about your child, please talk to one of the Kindergarten teachers after this presentation.

Dalhousie Out of School Care

Sharon Evans-Borrice
Shelley Springer



School Council/Parent Society

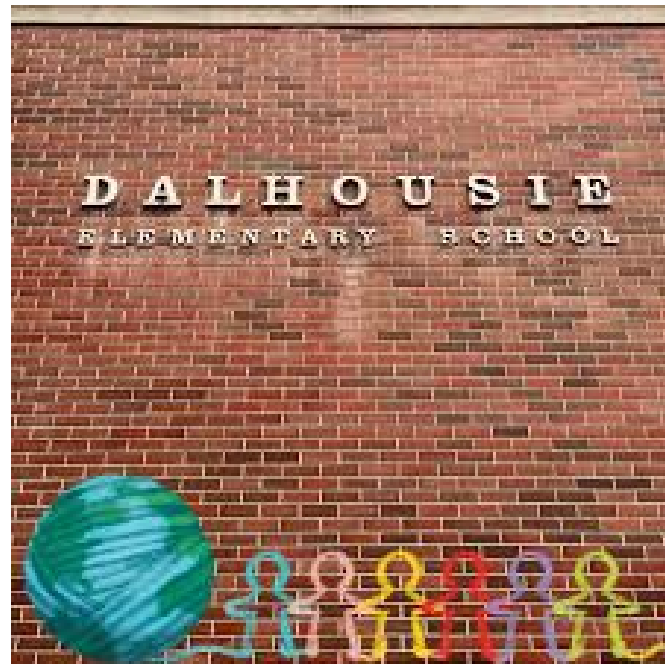
School Council

Heather Haberli
Holly Fedosoff



Parent Society

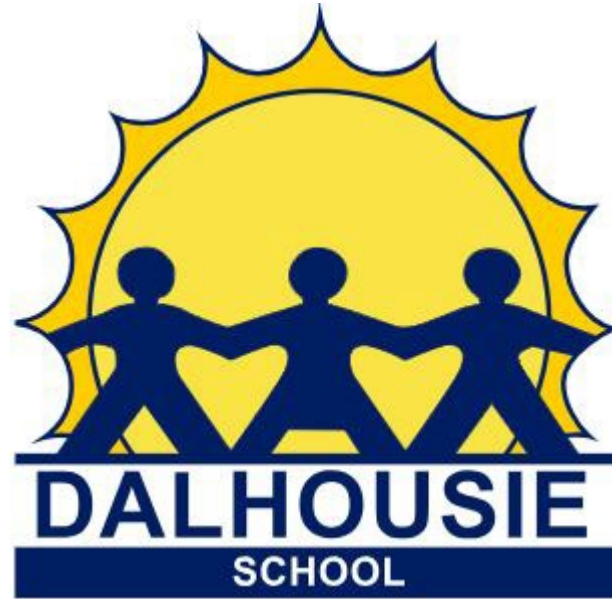
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