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Calgary Board of Education confirms record student enrolment

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CALGARY—An official count on Sept. 30 confirms that a record number of students are enrolled with the Calgary Board of Education this school year.

The count showed that total student enrolment was 110,763 — up 3,631 (3.4 per cent) from 107,132 on Sept. 30, 2012. This includes Chinook Learning Services and CBe-learn students.

Enrolment figures for the 2013-14 school year are official on Sept. 30. A preliminary enrolment count on the first day of school showed that projected enrolment increase of 3,300 new students was accurate. It is typical for numbers to vary slightly from when school opens until Sept. 30.

	Sept. 30, 2012	Sept. 30, 2013
Pre-kindergarten	81	162
Kindergarten	8,238	8,919
Grades 1-3	24,441	25,959
Grades 4-6	21,333	22,552
Grades 7-9	21,645	21,751
Grades 10-12	25,918	26,270
Sub-total	101,656	105,613
Home Education	247	297
Outreach programs	1,116	1,129
Unique Settings	673	643
CBe-learn	680	566
Chinook Learning Services	2,760	2,515
Total	107,132	110,763

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"We are pleased to see that public confidence in the CBE continues to grow, along with our enrolment numbers," says Naomi Johnson, chief superintendent of schools. "We welcomed more than 3, 600 new students to our system this year. That's a significant increase, but we remain focused on the success of every individual learner."

Enrolment numbers show increases across all divisions, but particularly significant increases are evident at the Grades 1-3 and Grades 4-6 levels. Additional high school enrolment may be partly attributed to the opening of the new Robert Thirsk High School.

The CBE operates four outreach programs, such as Discovering Choices, for students who find that regular school programs and services do not meet their needs.

Unique settings include schools like Emily Follensbee, which provides educational programming for students from age 2 1/2 to 14 who have multiple and complex learning needs; Dr. Oakley School, which focuses on literacy development for students in Grades 3 to 9 who have difficulties in reading, writing, oral language and organizational skills; and West View School, which is located in the Calgary Young Offender Centre.

Enrolment figures also include CBe-learn and Chinook Learning Services students. CBe-learn delivers online programming for junior and senior high students, as well as multiple levels of support for homeschooling. For 2013-14, CBe-learn once again offers continuous registration. This enables students to begin learning at any time. Chinook Learning Services offers high school upgrading and summer school, as well as continuing education for the larger Calgary community.



