December 1, 2022

New High School Opening in North Calgary

Re: designation information, grade configuration changes and more school information.

Dear Students and Parents/Guardians,

The Calgary Board of Education (CBE) is pleased to be opening a new high school in north Calgary in Sept. 2023 (official name still to be announced). For the 2023-24 school year, this high school will offer Grades 10 and 11 and will expand to offer Grade 12 for the 2024-25 school year. Regular program students who live in the communities of Country Hills, Country Hills Village, Coventry Hills, Harvest Hills, Hidden Valley and Panorama Hills will be designated to the school.

Grade configurations that will be offered over the next two years are as follows:

School	School Year	Grades
North Calgary high school	2023-24	Grade 10 - 11
North Calgary high school	2024-25 and beyond	Grade 10 - 12

Which students can attend the North Calgary high school?

The attached map shows the north Calgary high school attendance area. Grade 10 and Grade 11 students living within the boundary for the new high school will attend the school when it opens.

The CBE aims to minimize transitions between schools for students. The new school will not offer Grade 12 in its first year, which enables current Grade 11 students to complete Grade 12 at their current high school in the 2023-24 school year.

Please note that the new high school will only accommodate students living within the designated area. Out-of-attendance area students will not be accepted for the new north Calgary high school. The north high school is expected to be at capacity in the near future, and we need to ensure there is enough space for students who live in the communities designated to this school.

How will changes be phased in?

- Grade 9 regular program students from the Country Hills, Country Hills Village, Coventry Hills, Harvest Hills, Hidden Valley and Panorama Hills communities who are attending a CBE middle or junior high school this school year will automatically be designated to the new high school for the 2023-24 school year.
- Grade 10 regular program students from the Country Hills, Country Hills Village, Coventry Hills, Harvest Hills, Hidden Valley and Panorama Hills

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ملاحظة هامة: الرجاء ترجمة هذه المعلومات. communities who are **currently attending** Crescent Heights High School, James Fowler High School, John G. Diefenbaker High School and Queen Elizabeth High School will automatically be transferred to the new high school for the 2023-24 school year.

- Grade 11 regular program students from the Country Hills, Country Hills Village, Coventry Hills, Harvest Hills, Hidden Valley and Panorama Hills communities who are currently attending Crescent Heights High School, James Fowler High School, John G. Diefenbaker High School and Queen Elizabeth High School will remain at their current high school to complete Grade 12 in the 2023-24 school year.
- There will be no changes to International Baccalaureate designations.

How do I register for the 2023-24 school year?

At the CBE, students who are transitioning from middle/junior school to high school will be automatically registered at their designated school according to their home address.

- Grade 9 regular program students who live in the Country Hills, Country Hills
 Village, Coventry Hills, Harvest Hills, Hidden Valley and Panorama Hills
 communities and are currently attending a CBE school will automatically be
 registered at the new high school for September 2023.
- Grade 10 students who live in the Country Hills, Country Hills Village, Coventry Hills, Harvest Hills, Hidden Valley and Panorama Hills communities and are currently attending Crescent Heights High School, James Fowler High School, John G. Diefenbaker High School and Queen Elizabeth High School will automatically be transferred to their new high school for the 2023-24 school year.
- New students to the CBE who live in the Country Hills, Country Hills Village, Coventry Hills, Harvest Hills, Hidden Valley, and Panorama Hills communities will need to register to attend the north Calgary High School.

Information on the CBE registration process is available through the <u>High School</u> <u>Registration</u> page.

Can my child remain at their current high school?

All Grade 10 regular program students who live in the Country Hills, Country Hills Village, Coventry Hills, Harvest Hills, Hidden Valley and Panorama Hills communities and are **currently attending** Crescent Heights High School, James Fowler High School, John G. Diefenbaker High School and Queen Elizabeth High School will automatically be transferred to the new school when it opens.

CBE students interested in attending a school other than their designated school may request a transfer. Information on the High School Transfer process is available at <u>Transferring Between CBE Schools</u>.



Who is the new school Principal?

Michael Bester is the principal of the north Calgary high school. He is familiar with north Calgary, as he will assume this position after having served as Principal at John G. Diefenbaker High School. During the coming months, Michael Bester will continue to work with existing and new school communities, parents, and students to develop a school opening transition plan.

What programs will be offered at the new school?

Programming for students at the new north Calgary high school is being established. More information regarding courses and other programs will be available on the CBE website in early 2023.

How will students get to school?

Transportation for high school students is available on regular and/or school express routes operated by Calgary Transit. While CBE works collaboratively with Calgary Transit, decisions on service levels are made by Calgary Transit based on available space and resources. Please note that Calgary Transit adjusts its school express routes annually, and routes are posted over the summer. For additional information, please visit Calgary Transit's website.

What happens if the new school isn't ready to open on time?

The CBE is closely monitoring construction progress and has a contingency plan in place to ensure that the learning needs of students are met. We will keep parents and the community informed of any changes. For up-to-date information on the construction status of the school, please visit Building & Modernizing Schools.

This is an exciting time! We look forward to working with you as we welcome students to their new school.

What if I have more questions?

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If you still have questions or require additional information, please contact the Area 3 office at Area3@cbe.ab.ca or 403-777-6820 (extension 0), or the Area 2 office at 403-777-8720 (extension 0) or Area2@cbe.ab.ca.

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