

Calgary French & International School

SECONDARY DIVISION SCHOOL PROFILE

Established in 1969, Calgary French & International School (CFIS) is an accredited independent school located in Calgary, Canada. CFIS aligns its courses with the Alberta provincial curriculum and offers the International Baccalaureate Diploma (IB) Programme. Students are taught in a full French immersion learning environment, benefit from small student-to-teacher ratios and an international focus centering on the values of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). With a maximum class size of 20 students and a university placement rate of over 90%, CFIS graduates become active global citizens with a foundation for life-long success.

CFIS is fully coeducational. Our Elementary Division has approximately 580 students from preschool to Grade 6. Our Secondary Division is made up of approximately 220 students from Grade 7 to 12.

At CFIS, students strive to develop the highest quality French language skills and academics while following Alberta Education's Program of Studies for French Immersion. Our students write the Grade 12 diploma provincial exams in French; they score very well on a yearly basis. Our student life curriculum enhances this framework through the CFIS core experiences for secondary students.

Approximately 80 per cent of our class of 2017 graduates have represented the school in

interscholastic sports. Many senior high students hone their leadership skills by coaching or refereeing our junior high school teams.

The CFIS Travel Studies program provides experiential learning through whole-grade travel experiences that enable our students to relate the concepts and skills learned in the classroom to the world and the people around them, and to learn about themselves. Travel studies for senior high provides students with the opportunity to learn about new cultures, to give back to the international community through service work and to practice their second and third languages in an authentic learning environment. Moreover, many of our students engage directly with other students around the world thanks to our global membership status with the Round Square association of international schools.

Through programs such as our annual musical production, school band, jazz band and our various ensembles, we help develop each student's unique potential and foster creative, innovative and critical thinking. Every year, almost 80% of our Secondary Division students have an important role to play as members of our cast, crew, or orchestra while they prepare throughout the year for the CFIS musical. Many of our senior high students take on leadership roles in this large scale event. Our music program produces high quality band

performances throughout the year, both in competition and in concert. Our Senior Concert Band consistently achieves accolades at the Alberta International Band Festival.

The House System places students in one of four houses according to their personal values and characteristics. This system enhances student life through inter-house competitions, house meeting discussions about personal growth, and community service projects in the Calgary region.

UNESCO-related Secondary Division activities, which include student-led community service projects and discussions about and participation in WE Day Calgary, encourage our students to become ethical responsible citizens through helping them develop an understanding of our local community and the world beyond our experience.

Calgary French & International School is authorized to grant credits and is inspected by Alberta Education.

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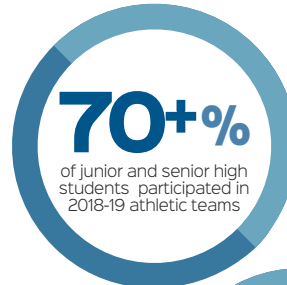


Our Mission: Calgary French & International School develops each student's individual and academic potential through full French immersion, an international focus and the development of the whole student in a rich and dynamic learning environment.

Curricular diversity

At CFIS, junior high options include a wealth of choice in the fine and performing arts ■, academics and technology ■, liberal arts ■, health and athletics ■ and global studies and leadership. ■ Grade 10 to 12 academic options ensure preparedness for a wide-selection of university programs. Academics are enriched by advanced courses in the fine and performing arts, athletics and global studies, many of which are extracurricular (EC). Starting in the 2019-20 school year, CFIS is offering Grade 11 students a selection of IB courses at both the standard level (SL) and the higher level (HL). We anticipate all students will choose to take at least one IB course.

Some options are offered based on interest. The options to the right have been offered in the last three years.



- FOOD STUDIES
- ME TO WE
- VIRTUAL TRAVEL STUDIES
- MODEL UN
- TRAVEL STUDIES
- HOUSE SYSTEM
- ROOTS AND SHOOTS
- STUDENT LIFE
- UNESCO
- SHAKESPEARE ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE
- SPEECH (SPANISH)
- SPEECH
- JOURNALISM
- BOOK CLUB
- MYTHOLOGY
- CREATIVE WRITING
- DEBATE
- LUNCHTIME TUTORING AND HOMEWORK SUPPORT
- TECHNOLOGY
- ROBOTICS
- MATH POWER HOUR
- DESIGN & INNOVATION
- LEARNING STRATEGIES
- MATHEMATICS ENRICHMENT
- KEYBOARDING
- GAUSS CLUB
- REACH FOR THE TOP
- SCIENCE FAIR
- CONCERT BAND
- MUSICAL THEATRE VISUAL
- ART 10, 20 AND 30 JAZZ
- BAND INSTRUMENTAL
- MUSIC THEATRICAL MAKE-UP CREATIVE STUDIES
- BACK STAGE THEATRE
- PUBLIC ART
- HEALTH & LIFE SKILLS
- BASKETBALL
- VOLLEYBALL SEASONAL
- SPORT OPTION GOLF
- WINTER SPORTS DAY
- OUTDOOR EDUCATION
- TRACK & FIELD
- CROSS-COUNTRY SOCCER
- PLAY OPTION
- DANCE
- BADMINTON

CURRICULAR OUTLINE

Subject	Grade 7	Grade 8	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
IB English A*					HL	HL
French	✓	✓	✓	10-1	20-1	30-1
IB French B					HL	HL
Spanish	✓	✓	✓	20, 30		
IB Spanish B					SL	
Social studies	✓	✓	✓	10-1	20-1	30-1
Speech	✓			EC	EC	EC
Debate		✓		EC	EC	EC
Model UN			✓	EC	EC	EC
IB History					SL	SL
Anthropology				3cr	3cr	3cr
Sociology				3cr	3cr	3cr
Philosophy				3cr	3cr	3cr
World religions				3cr	3cr	3cr
Law						
Economics						
Mathematics				10C	20-1	30-1, 30-2, 31
IB Mathematics** Science					SL	SL
Biology				10		
Chemistry				20	20, 30	30
Physics				20	20, 30	30
IB Chemistry					20	30
IB Biology					SL, HL	SL, HL
IB Physics					SL, HL	SL, HL
IB Theory of Knowledge					SL	SL
IB Creativity, Activity, Service					4	4
IB Extended Essay					4	4
Career / Life Mnmt					4	4
					3cr ***	

*IB English Literature **IB Mathematics Analysis and Approaches ***Online Course

SECONDARY DIVISION OPTIONS



Academic program requirements

Graduation requirements

All students graduate with an Alberta High School Diploma, which requires the completion of 100 course credits (one credit represents 25 hours of in-class instruction). Graduation requirements include Grade 12 English Language Arts and Social Studies in addition to the completion of an additional two Grade 12 courses. CFIS students typically complete between 7 to 9 Grade 12 courses. CFIS offers both semestered and non-semestered courses.

All Calgary French & International School courses meet or exceed the expectations of the provincial curriculum.

CFIS International Languages Diploma

In addition to the Alberta High School diploma, CFIS issues its own International Languages Diploma which is granted to students who have completed a minimum of 12 language courses between grades 9 through 12 including English Language Arts, French Language Arts and Spanish Language and Culture.

Evaluation

Evaluation of student performance is based on a combination of continuous assessment of term work and class tests (70%). Final exams represent 30% of the final mark. For the majority of Grade 12 courses, diploma (final) exams are developed and graded by Alberta Education and administered by CFIS.

Grading system

In Alberta, the complete mark range is 0 to 100%, with a passing mark set at 50%. At CFIS, honours level marks are 80% and above, honours with distinction 85% and above. Courses are unweighted.

Alberta Course Codes:

30-1: Grade 12 university preparatory
 30-2: Grade 12 university/ college preparatory
 20 = Grade 11
 10 = Grade 10
 9 = Grade 9

CFIS STUDENT GRADE 9 PROVINCIAL ACHIEVEMENT TESTS (PATS)

This table shows 3 years of results (2017, 2018, 2019) for CFIS student averages in each PAT exam, have been above the provincial averages, and the percentage of CFIS students who achieved the standard of excellence (80%+) on each exam are also above the number of students across the province who met the same standard.

Grade 9 PAT Results	CFIS Average Score	Provincial Average Score	Standard of Excellence at CFIS	Standard of Excellence for the Province
Mathematics	77%	64%	47%	25%
Social Studies	78%	65%	46%	21%
Science	81%	69%	51%	25%
ELA	83%	66%	65%	15%
FLA	81%	69%	42%	11%

CFIS STUDENT GRADE 12 DIPLOMA EXAMS

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Grade 12 Diploma Results	CFIS Average Score	Provincial Average Score	Standard of Excellence at CFIS	Standard of Excellence for the Province
Mathematics 30-1	81%	66%	65%	33%
Social Studies 30-1	76%	65%	38%	17%
English 30-1	79%	64%	52%	12%
Chemistry 30-1	82%	70%	70%	40%
Physics 30-1	81%	72%	66%	37%
Biology 30-1	81%	70%	69%	43%
FLA	77%	65%	38%	10%



Our Vision for our graduates: Calgary French & International School graduates will be active global citizens with a foundation for life-long success.

Life-long success

Universities seek academically strong students with well-rounded portfolios that demonstrate leadership, community service, global studies, travel, sports, fine and performing arts and languages.

We are proud of our graduates' diverse areas of post-secondary study which, in the past three years, has included international relations, business, law, engineering, journalism, medicine, science, education, fine arts, theatre, film studies, law, the culinary arts and music.

The foundational education at CFIS supports students to transition easily to post-secondary studies. In the words of one of our 2016 graduates, Alessandra M. '16: "The transition from high school to university was a lot easier for me than the rest of my new friends I have made at university. CFIS prepared and taught me how to critically think, work hard and how to take your education into your own hands."

In 2019, 60 per cent of CFIS graduates went into the sciences, 15 per cent into business and 25 per cent into humanities.

University tours: Calgary French & International School students travel to the west coast, Ontario/Quebec and Canada's east coast on three year cycles to tour university campuses. Right: CFIS students visit Queen's University in Ontario.

In the past four years, CFIS graduates have attended the following universities: Alberta College of Art and Design • Bishop's University • Capilano University • Carleton University • Concordia University • Culinary Institute of America (New York) • Dalhousie University • McGill University • Mount Royal University • Mount Allison University • Queen's University • Quest University Canada • St. Francis Xavier University • Simon Fraser University • Southern Alberta Institute of Technology • Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières • University of Alberta • University of Calgary • University of Northern British Columbia • University of Lethbridge • University of Ottawa • University of Sussex, UK • University of Toronto • University of Waterloo • University of Western Ontario

