

# Calgary French & International School

## SECONDARY DIVISION 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) program. Students are taught in a full French immersion learning environment, and 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 a fully coeducational school. Our ECE and Elementary Divisions have approximately 550 students from preschool to Grade 6, while our Secondary Division is made up of approximately 250 students from Grade 7 to 12.

Our students strive to develop the highest quality French language skills and academics while following Alberta Education's Program of Studies for French Immersion. Grade 12 students write the diploma provincial exams in French, and consistently score very well.

Our student life curriculum enhances this framework through the CFIS core and co-curricular experiences for secondary students. 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 musical. Many of our senior high students take on leadership roles in this large-scale event.

The CFIS music program produces high quality orchestral performances throughout the year, both in competition and in concert. Our Senior Concert Band consistently achieves accolades at the Alberta International Band Festival. In addition, approximately 70% of our Secondary students represent CFIS in interscholastic sports. Many of our 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.

Our 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 activities in the Secondary Division include student-led community service projects and discussions that encourage our students to become ethical, responsible citizens through helping them develop an understanding of our local community and the world beyond their experience.

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

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