



Secondary Division Profile

Established in 1969, Calgary French & International School (CFIS) is a coeducational, accredited independent school in Calgary, Alberta, Canada. Our school community is comprised of approximately 150 students in our Early Childhood Education Division, 300 students in grades 1 to 5 make up our Elementary Division and 300 students in grades 6 to 8 in Middle School and in grades 9 to 12 in High School are part of our Secondary Division.

CFIS aligns its courses with the Alberta provincial curriculum and offers the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (DP). Students are taught in our full French immersion learning environment and benefit from small student-to-teacher ratios. CFIS has 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 lifelong success.

At CFIS, students 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 and graduate with a bilingual High School diploma. Our student life curriculum enhances this framework through the CFIS core experiences for Secondary students.

Each year, about 80 percent of our Secondary students represent CFIS on athletic teams. Many senior high students hone their leadership skills by coaching or refereeing our junior teams.

The CFIS Travel Studies program provides authentic learning and cultural immersion experiences as a member of the Round Square international network of schools. This experiential learning enables our students to take the concepts and skills learned in the classroom to the world, supporting their growth as global citizens. Travel Studies for our High School students provide them with the opportunity to learn about new cultures, to give back to the international community through service work and to practice French and Spanish in an authentic learning environment.

Students are encouraged to explore the fine arts through music, drama and visual arts to help develop foster creative, innovative and critical thinking. Our 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. 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 one of the CFIS musicals. High School students participating in the senior Musical focus on leadership development, while the Middle

School production is focused on students' artistic skill development.

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

Student-led initiatives include EDI student committee, a sustainability and environmental group, Jörd and the Gefjun Service Club. These leadership roles are supplemented by other school-wide mentorship and prefect roles throughout the school and encourage our students to become ethical, responsible citizens by helping them develop an understanding of our local community and the world beyond.

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

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Curricular Outline & Options



Students in grades 6 to 9 have a wealth of options and clubs in the fine and performing arts, academics and technology, liberal arts, health and athletics, and global studies and leadership. While some options are offered based on student interest, the options to the right have been offered in the last three years.

Electives for Grade 10 to 12 students ensure preparedness for a wide selection of university programs. Academics are enriched by Musical productions, one of our annual advanced courses in the fine and performing arts, athletics and global studies, many of which are extracurricular (EC). CFIS offers Grade 11 and 12 students a selection of IB courses at both the standard level (SL) and the higher level (HL).

Subject	Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
English*	English Language Arts 6	English Language Arts 7	English Language Arts 8	English Language Arts 9	ELA 10-1	ELA 20-1 IB English HL	ELA 30-1 IB English
French**	French Language Arts 6	French Language Arts 7	French Language Arts 8	French Language Arts 9	FLA 10-1	FLA 20-1 IB French HL	FLA 30-1 IB French HL
Social Studies	Social Studies 6	Social Studies 7	Social Studies 8	Social Studies 9	Social 10-1	Social 20-1 History SL	Social 30-1 History SL History HL
Spanish	Spanish Language Arts 6	Spanish Language Arts 7	Spanish Language Arts 8	Spanish Language Arts 9	Spanish 10-20-30	Spanish B SL	
Math***	Math 6	Math 7	Math 8	Math 9	Math 10C Math 20-1	Math 30-1 Math AA SL Math AI SL	Math 30-1 Math AA SL Math AA HL Math AI SL
Science	Science 6	Science 7	Science 8	Science 9	Science 10	Biology 20-30 Biology SL	Biology 20-30 Biology SL Biology HL
						Chemistry 20-30 Chemistry SL	Chemistry 20-30 Chemistry SL Chemistry HL
						Physic 20 Physic HL	Physic 30 Physic HL
Health	Health 6	Health 7	Health 8	Health 9	CALM 20		
Middle School		Speech	Debate	Model UN			
High School Electives					Anthropology		
					Sociology		
					World Religion		
					Psychology		
					Law		
					Economics		
					Computer Science		
Diploma Program Core IB						Creativity, Activity, Service (CAS)	
						Extended Essay	
						Theory of Knowledge	

* English Literature A HL ** French A HL

*** Math AA = Mathematics Analysis and Approaches, Math AI = Mathematics Application and Interpretation

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HOUSE SYSTEM
JÖRD ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB
GEFJUN SERVICE CLUB
EDI STUDENT COMMITTEE
FOOD STUDIES
TRAVEL STUDIES
SHAKESPEARE
ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE
SPEECH (SPANISH)
SPEECH
JOURNALISM
BOOK CLUB
CREATIVE WRITING
DEBATE
HOMEWORK SUPPORT
TECHNOLOGY
ROBOTICS
MATH POWER HOUR
DESIGN & INNOVATION
LEARNING STRATEGIES
MATHEMATICS ENRICHMENT
KEYBOARDING
GAUSS CLUB
REACH FOR THE TOP
SCIENCE FAIR
CHESS
ORCHESTRA
CONCERT BAND
MUSICAL THEATRE
VISUAL ART 10, 20 AND 30
JAZZ BAND
INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC
THEATRICAL MAKE-UP
CREATIVE STUDIES
BACKSTAGE THEATRE
PUBLIC ART
HEALTH & LIFE SKILLS
BASKETBALL
VOLLEYBALL
SEASONAL SPORTS GOLF
WINTER SPORTS DAY
OUTDOOR EDUCATION
TRACK & FIELD
CROSS-COUNTRY
SOCCER
DANCE
BADMINTON

CO-CIRCULAR OPTIONS AND CLUBS FOR GRADES 6-9



Academic Results & 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 Alberta provincial curriculum.

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.

Student 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 prep
20 = Grade 11 10 = Grade 10
9 = Grade 9

GRADE 9 PROVINCIAL ACHIEVEMENT TESTS (PATs)

This table shows three years of results using average scores from 2023, 2022 and 2019 for CFIS student averages in each PAT exam and results from students across the province who met the same standard. (PATs were cancelled in 2021 and 2020.)

Grade 9 PAT Results	CFIS Acceptable Standard	Alberta Provincial Acceptable Standard	CFIS Standard of Excellence	Alberta Provincial Standard of Excellence
Mathematics	94.9%	75.9%	47.4%	23%
Social Studies	96.8%	74.9%	55.3%	18.7%
Science	98.7%	82.5%	55.1%	22.8%
English Language Arts	100%	84%	63%	29.7%
Spanish Language Arts	99.3%	78.6%	50.3%	10.4%

GRADE 12 PROVINCIAL DIPLOMA EXAMS

This table shows three years of blended marks from the average scores on the 2023, 2022 and 2019 Grade 12 Diploma exams and results from students across Alberta who met the same standard. (Diploma exams were cancelled in 2021 and 2020.)

Grade 12 Diploma Results	CFIS Acceptable Standard	Alberta Provincial Acceptable Standard	CFIS Standard of Excellence	Alberta Provincial Standard of Excellence
Mathematics 30-1	100%	94%	60.3%	35.3%
Social Studies 30-1	100%	99%	58.3%	36.3%
Chemistry 30	100%	97.5%	67%	49.5%
Biology 30	98%	96.7%	75.6%	46.3%
Physics 30	100%	98.5%	100%	55.5%
English 30-1	100%	98%	65.3%	29.3%
French 30-1	100%	100%	72%	46%



University & Career Preparedness

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. **Our Vision:** CFIS graduates will be active global citizens with a foundation for life-long success.



In the past five years, CFIS graduates have attended the following universities across Canada, the United States and throughout Europe:

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 • Carl Benz University (Germany) • Hattori-Williamson School of Ballet



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

In 2023, 20% of CFIS graduates enrolled in post-secondary programs in business, 30% in humanities and 50% in sciences.

CFIS graduates multilingual and academically strong students who have well-rounded experiences and skill sets that demonstrate their 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.

"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 my education into my own hands."

- Alessandra M., class of 2016

