



Kindergarten Orientation

French Immersion
William Reid School 2026-2027

May 22, 2026
1:00 – 2:00 PM



Calgary Board
of Education

Introductions



Principal : Kenzie Rushton

Assistant Principal: Sheri Bullough

Administrative Secretary: Naomi & Markus

Kindergarten Teachers:

Rémy Gunn, Jess Walsh Moreau

About our school



- Our Motto: Nous travaillons bien ensemble / We work Well Together
- *At William Reid School we believe in providing an inclusive, safe and caring community. Our values are students come first and are encouraged to be engaged and active in their learning and to achieve their full potential through a culture of togetherness, respect, kindness and cooperation in a second language.*

Early French Immersion Program



K -2: 100% of instruction is in French



Grade 3: 80% French, 20% English
(English Language Arts instruction begins)

Grade 4: 70% French, 30% English



Our goal is first to have French oral language proficiency in the early years... and then comes reading and then writing in French.

School Hours



Monday - Thursday

AM Kindergarten 8:02 AM – 10:54AM

PM Kindergarten 11:58 AM – 2:50PM

Friday

8:02AM – 12:00PM alternating Fridays

Calendar for alternating schedule is on School Website parents please be aware of the Friday and PD schedule.

Arriving at School



At the start of the day:

- Meet teachers at the Kindergarten doors (if late after 8:02 arrive via main office)
- Bused children are met by a bus supervisor and escorted inside

At the end of the day:

- Children are picked up at the Kindergarten doors
- Bused children are escorted to the bus from the school

Staggered Entry & First Days of School



Monday August 31, 2026:

Child's last name *A – L* AM *8:02-10:54*

Child's last name *A – L* PM *11:58-2:50*



Tuesday September 1, 2026:

Child's last name *M – Z* AM *8:02 – 10:54*

Child's last name *M – Z* PM *11:58 – 2:50*



Wednesday September 2, 2026:

All children attend regular AM/PM schedule

Our Day in Kindergarten...



Daily Physical Education



Classroom routines



Snack time

Music instruction

Early Literacy & Numeracy



Advice from Kindergarten

Insert Video here.



Enhanced learning



Field trips, field trips within walking distance, artists in residence, guest speakers and presentations.

Information / costs for these school- based fees will be sent home as activities are booked.

All fees to be paid online via MyCBE.

School wide events – Carnaval, Assemblies (Jump Rope for Heart) Sports Day, and Spirit Days.

Music program

Bibliothèque - weekly book exchange

On line tools – Lalilo, Idélo, Je lis je lis, Math Up

Supports in Kindergarten – What happens if my child needs help?



The classroom teacher is at the centre of your child's learning team and is supported by a school learning team. Based on classroom needs, each kindergarten program will also be supported by a multidisciplinary team that works with large and small groups in the classroom.

This team may consist of:

Education Assistants or Early Childhood Practitioners

Early Learning Strategists

Speech-Language Pathologists (SLPs)

Psychologists

Occupational Therapists (OTs)

Physiotherapists (PTs)

School Family Liaison (SFL)

Getting Ready for Kindergarten



Build your child's independence by encouraging them to:

- Dress themselves (zippers, buttons)
- Use the bathroom and wash their hands on their own
- Put away toys and help out in other small ways at home
- Practice opening and closing snack containers and using a water bottle
- Play games, take turns and compromise
- Develop a consistent bedtime routine



Getting Ready for Kindergarten



Read to your child every day:

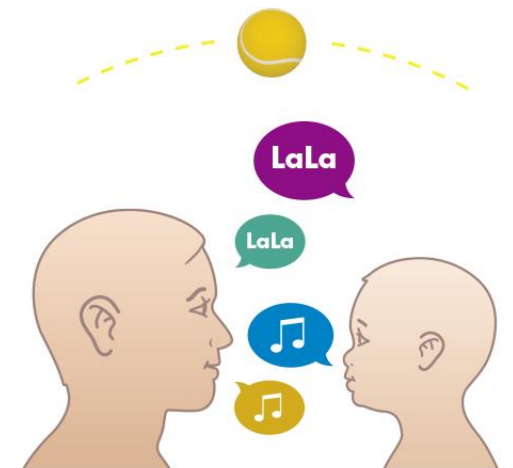
- Read stories together in *your first language* to help your child develop vocabulary, listening and speaking skills
- Enjoy reading different types of books: picture books, information books, nursery rhymes, poetry
- Encourage your child to talk about the pictures and stories as you read together
- Visit your community library (when possible)

Getting Ready for Kindergarten



Take time to talk with your child about everyday activities:

- Share special activities together, such as walks to the park
- Talk about what you are seeing and doing
- Talk, read, sing and play in *your first language* every day
- Praise children for their efforts and courage to overcome setbacks
- Talk about how it is okay to make mistakes



What does my child need?



A pair of clean indoor running shoes, labelled with their name that can be put on and done up independently.

A backpack large enough to fit a lunch kit with healthy snacks, water bottle, library book and extra clothes (change of socks, underwear and pants)

Please label all belongings. We recommend and fundraise with Mabel's labels. This is on our Website.

School Fees



The CBE charges a central Student Supplies Fee to all students in Kindergarten to grade 4. The fee offsets the costs to purchase all supplies a child will need during their Kindergarten year.

Kindergarten Fees

- Student Supplies Fees for the 2025-26 school year were set at \$20. Fees for the 2026-27 school year have not yet been determined.
- Fieldtrip fees will be added at the time of the fieldtrip.

Grades 1-6 Fees

- Student Supplies Fees for the 2025-26 school year were set at \$40. Fees for the 2026-27 school year have not yet been determined.
- Lunch Supervision Fees for the 2025-26 school year were set at \$350. Fees for the 2026-27 school year have not yet been determined.
- Fieldtrip fees will be added at the time of the fieldtrip.

CBE website <https://cbe.ab.ca/registration/fees-and-waivers/Pages/school-fees-overview.aspx>

Volunteering



All volunteers must hold a valid CBE issued Police Security Clearance. The Police Security Clearance is valid for five years.

Registration is easy and you can start the process on MyCBE.

You will also need to complete this form for the office:

<https://www.cbe.ab.ca/FormsManuals/Annual-Volunteer-Registration-Form.pdf>

Kindergarten Volunteers

Scheduled volunteers are greatly appreciated for classroom activities, field trips, school events, etc. Regular classroom volunteering will be on a sign-up basis and initiated by the classroom teacher. All volunteers **must also** complete a Police Security Clearance **in advance**, government identification is required and this process can take several weeks to complete. Even if you are unsure if you will be volunteering, it is a good idea to have the security clearance done in case an unexpected need arises. Please note that volunteers must maintain student confidentiality at all times and siblings are not permitted to attend. We suggest you start the process next week, as the turn-around time now is short compared to September when it may take two months!

All volunteers with clearance need to sign in at the office.

Grandparents are welcome to volunteer too!

We ask that volunteers do not bring younger siblings to field trips.

School Council

Become Involved!

School Council Chair, Danisha Bhaloo-Shivji, and
President of our Fundraising Society, Sarah Moss!



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School Council



Volunteers for vacant positions, please consider the following:

- ❑ **Co- secretary** — support with taking meeting minutes
- ❑ **Vice president** – Fundraising society – a supportive role to the president of our Fundraising society
- ❑ **Co-Treasurer** – Fundraising society – work alongside our current co-treasuring to support with managing fundraising funds

Big Questions (Bus parents stay for more)



Classroom visits



Transportation | Busing fees



The current bussing fees for French Immersion is \$180 for Kindergarten (1 way) – These may increase for 2026-2027

Fee Waivers are available for certain situations. If you feel you may not be able to pay the fees, please speak with our Principal M Rushton and he will support you in applying for a fee waiver.

<https://cbe.ab.ca/registration/fees-and-waivers/Pages/default.aspx>



Transportation | Busing schedules



- Transportation for Kindergarten students will begin on Monday August 31 2026 the first day of school
- We encourage kindergarten students to start taking the bus from their first day of school
- Kindergarten students are seated at the front of the bus
- Transportation is associated with a fee, for 2025-26 it was \$180 for KG; <https://cbe.ab.ca/registration/fees-and-waivers/Pages/school-fees-overview.aspx>

Registration is through [MyCBE/PowerSchool](#) and will begin in May 2026 and recommended by **June 2026**. If not, processing times could be up to 6 weeks at the beginning of the school year due to volume. Transportation is with Southland Transportation, it is a service provided to CBE.

Transportation | Bus safety



The safety of our students on the bus is very important to us. Kindergarten children will not be dropped off at a bus stop unless someone is there to pick them up

Please ensure you are at the bus stop at least 5 minutes before arrival time

Kindergarten children are escorted between the bus and the school by a staff member

For more information about transportation with the CBE visit:
<https://www.cbe.ab.ca/schools/busing-and-transportation/Pages/default.aspx>



Southland Bus Status

- You can use the [MyBusStop](#) and [My School Bus](#) web application GPS tracking service to see real-time information and route delays
- During the winter on really cold or snowy days buses can be delayed and it is important to check the apps provided.
- My First Ride is coming up fast on May 23 & May 24, you can register at <https://cbe.ab.ca/news-centre/Pages/My-1st-Ride-Orientation-Registration-2026.aspx>

Resources for Parents

- Prepare - Separation Anxiety (Tips/Tricks new to K):
<https://www.anxietybc.com/sites/default/files/Separation%20Anxiety%20Doc%20FINAL-2.pdf>
- Eye See, Eye Learn Program:
<http://www.optometrists.ab.ca/eye-see-eye-learn>
- Yes, you can help! (A guide for French Immersion Parents):
<https://education.alberta.ca/media/563591/yesyoucanhelp.pdf>
- The Calgary Public Library- Top Tips for Kindergarten Readiness*:
<https://calgarylibrary.ca/library-news/kitchen-table-classroom-kindergarten-readiness/>
- The Calgary Public Library- Kindergarten Booklist:
https://calgary.bibliocommons.com/list/share/393767397_calgarylibrary_kids/1859193931_books_to_get_ready_for_kindergarten?_ga=2.167944481.1601611572.1619640025-939542020.1599601380
- I'm Ready for Screens- Parent Resource:
https://banff.ca/DocumentCenter/View/11018/ImReadyForScreens_English

Additional Resources



The Calgary Public Library- Top Tips for Kindergarten Readiness*:
<https://calgarylibrary.ca/library-news/kitchen-table-classroom-kindergarten-readiness/>



The Calgary Public Library- Kindergarten Booklist:
https://calgary.bibliocommons.com/list/share/393767397_calgarylibrary_kids/1859193_931_books_to_get_ready_for_kindergarten?_ga=2.167944481.1601611572.161964002.5-939542020.1599601380



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