



## About Homestay

The CBE International Bureau will arrange for homestay accommodations for children between 15-19 years of age. Living with a Canadian family is an excellent way to learn about Canadian culture and improve your English. Calgary is well known for its warm, friendly and safe host families.

### Homestay Coordinator

The International Bureau has a Homestay Coordinator on staff who professionally manages all aspects of the homestay program. This ensures a safe and happy experience for all students.

The Homestay Coordinator is responsible for finding high quality host families, matching international students to compatible Calgary families, arranging custodianship, and providing continuous monitoring and support.

International students and their parents have access to the Homestay Coordinator 24 hours a day in the event of a problem or emergency.

### Homestay Families

Calgary host families are carefully selected. They warmly welcome international students into their homes and are eager to share their Canadian lifestyle.

The process for admitting host families into our homestay program is a rigorous one. The Homestay Coordinator ensures that all families:

- have been thoroughly interviewed to determine suitability;
- have had their home inspected;
- have successfully passed a police record check;
- can provide a private bedroom with study area;
- are willing and enthusiastic about receiving international students;
- include their international student in all family activities.



## Contact Information



For information on how to apply, please visit our web site.

[www.cbeinternational.ca](http://www.cbeinternational.ca)

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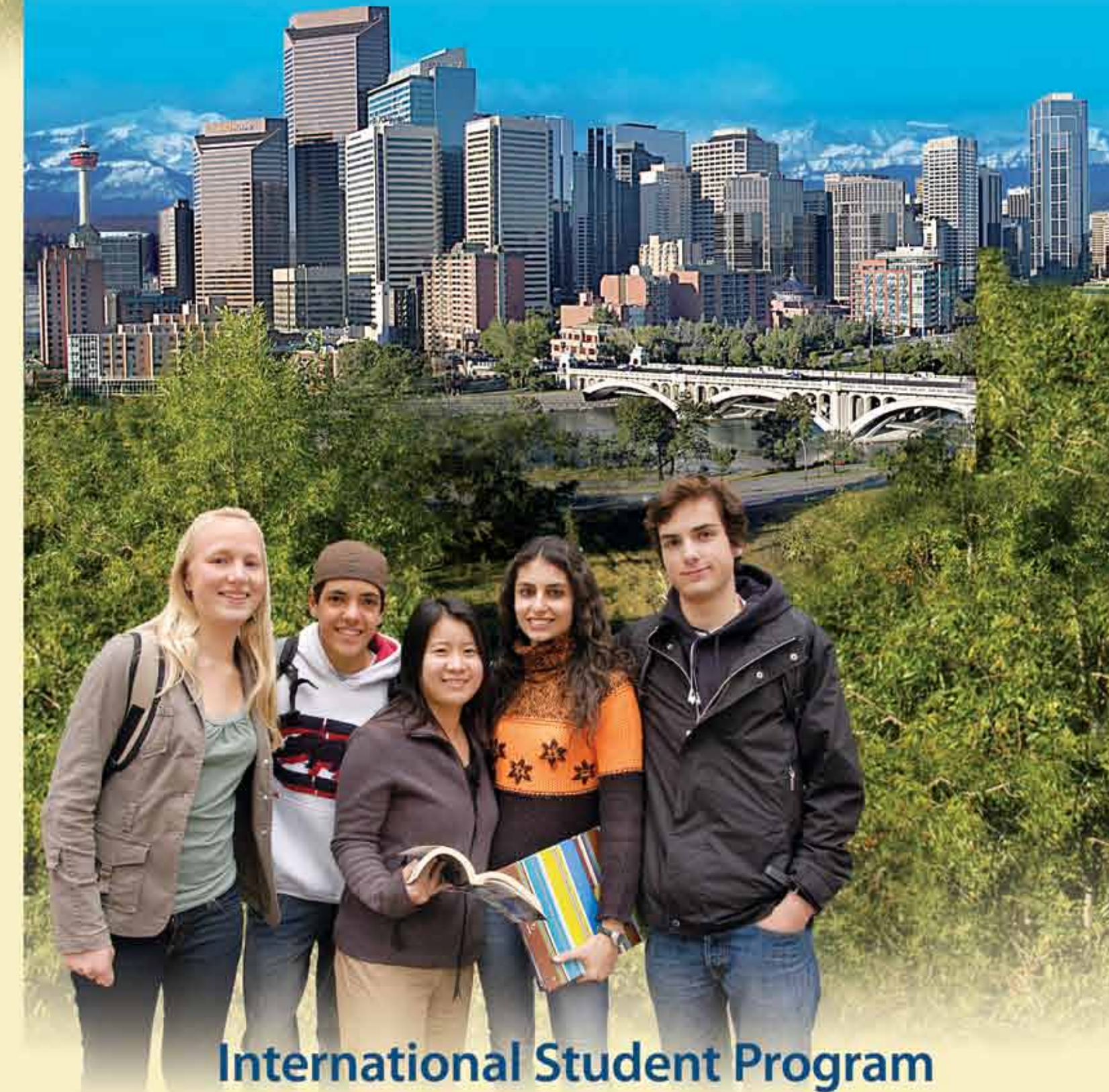
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# Calgary Board of Education



## International Student Program



## About Calgary

Situated in the province of Alberta in Canada, Calgary is a vibrant, cosmopolitan city of over 1,000,000 people. Friendly, clean and safe, it has a high standard of living.

Calgary is one hour away from the world famous Canadian Rocky Mountains and miles of unspoiled wilderness. A wide variety of outdoor activities such as hiking, mountain climbing, skiing, fishing and camping are available.

You will find many cultural attractions, diverse restaurants, beautiful parks and pathways in Calgary, with some of the most picturesque natural areas in North America.

The summer season is warm and comfortable with average temperatures around 23 degrees Celsius. In winter, the average temperature is 0 degrees Celsius. Special winds called chinooks warm up the city on a regular basis. All public buildings and houses have central heating.

Home of the 1988 Winter Olympics, Calgary has received several prestigious international designations including:

- Cleanest city in the world, 2002 (Source: Mercer Human Resource Consulting)
- World's Top City for Health and Sanitation, 2004
- One of the top five cities in the world for safety and security, 2005 (Source: Mercer Human Resource Consulting)
- One of the five most livable cities in the world, 2005 (Source: Economic Intelligence Unit)

Calgary has a publicly funded health care system with a brand new state-of-the-art Alberta Children's Hospital and a world-class public education system, the Calgary Board of Education.



## About the Calgary Board of Education

The Calgary Board of Education (CBE) is the largest public school district in Western Canada, with 223 schools, serving 100,000 students.

The CBE follows the Alberta Government's Program of Studies. Students who successfully complete high school courses are eligible to receive credits toward an Alberta high school diploma.

The CBE offers a wide range of program choices. In addition to academic courses, all students take a range of options to ensure a well-rounded education. An international student coordinator works with students to provide a customized timetable based on the student's goals, needs and interests.

Full ESL support is provided for international students at no extra charge.

International students are encouraged to get involved in extracurricular activities. This is a great way to meet Canadian friends.

### Academics

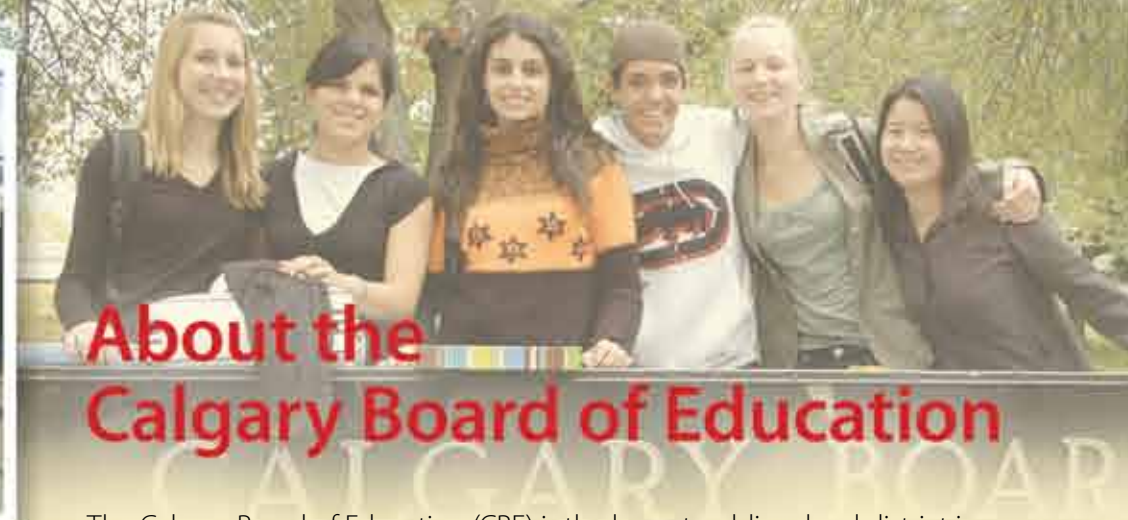
English  
Mathematics  
Social Studies  
Science (Biology, Chemistry and Physics)  
Second Languages (French, Spanish)

### Options

Physical Education  
Psychology  
Art  
Drama  
Visual Arts  
Music  
Sports Medicine  
Legal Studies  
Design Studies  
Dance  
Computer Programming

### Our Teachers

CBE teachers are among the most highly trained in the world. Teachers are required to have Alberta Government certification and at least one degree. Many of our teachers have Masters degrees and Doctoral Diplomas in teaching and learning, demonstrating their commitment to and love of teaching.



## About Our Schools

Our safe and caring schools welcome international students from kindergarten to grade 12. School selection is based on student needs and convenience to home.

Our high schools (grades 10-12) ensure a positive international experience by having an international student coordinator on staff who:

- provides a comprehensive academic and social orientation upon arrival
- encourages international students to become involved in school activities
- provides opportunities to meet Canadian friends.

International students may join our high school for one semester or longer. Students who spend more than one year have the option of completing high school and receiving an Alberta high school diploma.

### Post-Secondary Opportunities

An Alberta high school diploma is recognized at universities, colleges and technical schools around the world. Counsellors advise students of post-secondary options and assist with the application process.

### Student Achievement Results

Calgary Board of Education consistently ranks among the top school districts in the world in academic achievement.

- On the Provincial Achievement Tests, our students' results are higher than the province of Alberta's results on the majority of standards.
- On Grade 12 Diploma Exams, a large percentage of our students achieve excellence in Chemistry, Physics, Biology and Pure Math.
- CBE high school students consistently score higher than world averages on the International Baccalaureate (IB) and Advanced Placement (AP) exams.

