

## Bearspaw Elementary School

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Grades	K-8
Electives	(gr 7&8) music, drama, leadership, photography, art, fashion, mechanics, construction, food services, and computer technology
Sports	Track and field, volleyball, basketball and badminton
Languages	English, French offered as second language
Busses	Application is available for Watermark
Learning Disabled	Accommodating

Bearspaw School offers a great balance between a strong focus on academic achievement and the development of talents such as athletics and fine arts. All students are respected and viewed as contributors to the school community. Clear expectations and high standards urge students to achieve their best. While taking ownership for creating a school climate where people care for one another and share the responsibility of making Bearspaw School a great place for everyone.

As a public school, Bearspaw follows the Alberta Education Program of Studies, which are available to view on-line at [www.education.gov.ab.ca](http://www.education.gov.ab.ca). This site also contains useful information about curriculum and various provincial standards and initiatives. Bearspaw School provides a variety of programs and services to address the diverse learning needs of its student population and Special Education is offered to students who experience learning difficulties. A tremendous value is placed on the importance of parent involvement and recognizing that parent support is essential to a student's success. Bearspaw School works collaboratively with personnel from Rocky View Student Services to develop and implement special programs to meet the needs of their students, and they strive to provide opportunities for all students to succeed as learners. Option classes are available to students in grade 7 & 8 whereby students choose from a variety of interest-based classes such as music, drama, leadership, photography, art, fashion, mechanics, construction, food services, and computer technology. The school is equipped with a full gymnasium, full woodshop and art room complete with kilns and pottery wheels. Course selection is dependent upon space and teacher availability and may vary from year to year.

Bearspaw School runs an Active Living Program funded by FBES (Friends of Bearspaw Education Society [www.bearspaw.rockyview.ab.ca](http://www.bearspaw.rockyview.ab.ca)) through which each grade participates in an off-campus activity that promotes lifelong fitness. Grade 6, 7 & 8 students have the opportunity to participate in inter-school athletic teams such as track and field, volleyball, basketball and badminton. FBES is a Major fundraising group with support from various individuals and corporations that have provided innovative and state of the art technology to the school. For example, they have added smart boards in some classrooms. Smart boards are interactive whiteboards that use touch detection for user input.

Current enrollment is 511 students with the capacity to hold 800 students. Twenty percent of students are from outside the county of Rockyview, coming from various northwest communities such as Rocky Ridge Brentwood Tuscany.

## Cochrane High School

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Grades	9-12
Electives	Auto Shop, Wood Shop, Music, Performing Arts, Photography, Home Economics
Sports	Basketball, Volleyball, Football, Badminton, Soccer, Track and Field, Golf
Languages	French, Spanish, German, French immersion
Busses	Application is Available for Watermark
Learning Disabled	Resource classes available

A Cochrane High student is supported and positioned to achieve a passion for learning that will carry on to post-secondary studies, life and work. Students will participate actively and positively in citizenship and leadership in the school community, and transfer these skills into their daily life. The school encourages graduates to continue to pursue the passions developed at Cochrane High School in such areas of sports, music, drama, leadership, mechanics, construction, food services, and/or computer technology.

Cochrane High School provides a variety of programs and services to address the diverse learning needs of our student population. Special Education is offered to students who experience learning difficulties. Students will have a number of sports to choose from including Volleyball, Badminton, Soccer, Football, Track and Field, Basketball and Golf. These programs keep them active and involved in a team environment. For the more artistic students there is a great music program, performing arts classes and the school even has a dark room for photography and a pottery wheel and kilns for clay sculpting. Cochrane High has a Yearbook club and a Student Council that is very active in the student community and ensures that all students' voices are heard.

The students at Cochrane High truly are living up to their motto "Carpe Diem", demonstrated by the creation of the Sustainable Development Project in 2000. Students have the opportunity to be on the Sustainable Development Committee and to help raise funds for environmentally friendly options to be implemented in their own school. For example, students initiated the installation of solar panels on the roof that helps heat the water in the school, as well as solar power (with the help of a wind turbine) to create electricity. These among many other sustainable endeavors have all been paid for by money that the students have helped raise. For more details on the Sustainable Development Project visit [www.sustainabledevelopment.ca](http://www.sustainabledevelopment.ca) and you can read all about Cochrane High Schools progress in phase seven and their achievements.