

FAST Facts



Canadian Rockies School Division (CRSD) covers a large geographical area and serves the communities of Banff and Canmore; Villages of Exshaw and Harvie Heights; Hamlets of Kananaskis, Lac Des Arcs, Dead Man's Flats and Lake Louise; and part of the MD of Bighorn and portions of IDs No. 5, 8, and 9.

- ❖ Enrolment 2047 students
- ❖ Approximately 277 First Nation's students
- ❖ 28 international students (reduced number of enrolments due to the COVID travel restrictions)
- ❖ 7 schools
- ❖ 147 full and part-time teachers
- ❖ Approximately 64 support staff
- ❖ A wide variety of programs including:
 - ✚ Academics, fine arts, athletics, French immersion, nature immersion, dual credit, outdoor leadership and international student opportunities

Did you know that:

- ❖ Our two high schools continue to align their timetables to provide increased offerings for CRSD students
- ❖ CRSD staff and administration continue to strive to meet the needs of our Indigenous learners. A concentrated effort is being made to weave Indigenous culture throughout the curriculum at all grade levels

OUR Students



The closure of all schools across the province in March 2020 saw all schools in CRPS quickly pivot to an At-Home Learning environment characterized by a significant use of technology to support learners, but also a more traditional approach for those families and students who needed it. CRPS teachers and administrators maintained connections with students whether via Google Meet, phone, email, or postal mail, based on the age level of students as well as family circumstances. Division office created a COVID-19 website as well as a parent resources site with a focus on mental health.

Many of our students attend universities outside of Alberta, such as the University of Victoria, Queens, etc., which is not reflected in the transition rate to post secondary results. Also, many of our students, especially those who are late moving to Canada, choose a graduation route that requires them to complete three diplomas. This provides them with the academic requirements to move on to the world of work or post secondary institutions without having to take four diploma exams.

CRSD continues to provide valuable extracurricular and outdoor learning opportunities for the youth of CRSD by offering Winter Travel, Water Experience, Bow Valley Active Stewardship, Wilderness Inspiring Leadership Development (WILD) Program, and summer CALM. CRSD has expanded these outdoor education opportunities to our elementary schools creating a continuum through all grades.

CRSD Priorities



CRSD priorities are to:

- ✚ Create learning environments that foster academic excellence and develop 21st century skills – critical thinking and problem solving; communication and collaboration; creativity and innovation; digital-age literacy and emotional intelligence.
- ✚ Personalize learning to respond to each child's gifts, needs, interests and aspirations.
- ✚ Help students develop appropriate online choices.
- ✚ Use technology and human connections to bring the world to the classroom and the classroom to the world.
- ✚ Provide teacher directed professional learning networks throughout the district focused on the areas of: numeracy, literacy, diversity and inclusion, coding / makerspace / technology, music, critical thinking, meaningful authentic learning, formative assessment and engagement.
- ✚ Provide increased experiential learning opportunities by expanding the courses offered at the Canadian Rockies Outdoor Learning Centre. Distance Education programming has been added with blended courses (combination of online and face-to-face) and online courses created and available to all AB students.

WE'RE Listening



The staff of the CRSD is committed to providing meaningful information to parents / guardians / caregivers and students in relation to the student's school experience. CRSD provides parents with opportunities to be active within their student's school experience and continue to seek input and incorporate their feedback into educational programming

The CRSD Board of Trustees reviews its communications processes and systems to ensure effective communication with the staff, public, parents and students. The Board meets annually with students from across the division to participate in a Student Voice Summit. Through building activities, personal reflections and table discussions, the board is able to gain valuable knowledge and perspective from the students' point of view.

School Councils are involved in the creation of school plans and the sharing of school level results. The Board of Trustees meets collectively with School Councils twice a year to provide them an opportunity for input.

Our focus for the coming year will be on preserving what we have managed to achieve as one of the smallest rural divisions in the province and expand our educational offerings where possible.

OUR Vision



CRSD continues to offer our public school students a wide range of learning supports, options and a robust community engagement process that provides a huge variety of learning-based clubs and after-school activities with parent and teacher volunteers.

Our entrepreneurial spirit has led to growth in both our International Student Program and our Outdoor Learning Centre, both of which operate outside of the provincial funding allotment but generate additional funds for our division, which allows us to offer a broader range of programming and opportunity to students from other countries and other communities within Alberta.

CRSD is excited to provide approved Distance Education courses which are different from conventional classroom-based education. One option is an Online Learning Program, which is a structured learning environment where students engage with their teachers in one or more courses online. Alberta certificated teachers are responsible for instruction and assessment of student learning. Students can:

- Work from anywhere
- Work at their own pace
- Register for single or multiple online courses
- Free up time in their school timetable
- Create connections with any of our Distance Education Teachers online