

What educational opportunities are available to my child with autism spectrum disorder?

Many students with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) can attend their designated local school in a fully integrated classroom with a minimum level of support. Other students may benefit more from a program that is specifically designed to meet their more complex learning needs.

- It can be beneficial to obtain a psycho-educational assessment (completed by a psychologist) to determine their learning potential, their strengths and challenges, and the best educational strategies to support them.
- Talk to your child's teacher, learning specialists or resource team to get recommendations for programs and services.
- If private schools are a preferred option for your family, explore these.
- Build good working relationships with your child's teachers and learning supports.
- Meet regularly with your child's classroom teacher, educational assistants and other professionals, including school administration. Remember they are experts in their respective fields but you are the expert when it comes to your child.

RESOURCES

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Alberta Education Special Programs Branch (Amended June, 2004)

Essential components of educational programming for students with *autism spectrum disorders*.

Website: cssd.ab.ca/Programs/ProgramSupports/DiverseLearning/DiverseLearningSupports/Documents/ecep_autism_spectrum_disorder.pdf

Calgary Board of Education (CBE)

Offers a range of specialized programs to support exceptional learners.

Website: cbe.ab.ca/programs/Pages/default.aspx

CBE: Communication, Sensory and Social Interaction Program (CSSI)

Offered in grade 1 to 12 for children with moderate to severe cognitive abilities and a diagnosis of ASD.

Phone: 403.817.4000

Address: Education Centre 1221 – 8th Street SW, Calgary, AB T2R 0L4

Website: cbe.ab.ca/programs/supports-for-students/exceptional-and-special-needs/complex-needs/Pages/Complex-Needs-Programming-Autism.aspx

Calgary Catholic School District: Diverse Learning

The Diverse Learning team provides a range of supports to assist schools in providing programming for students with diverse learning needs.

Phone: 403.500.2000

Address: 1000 – 5th Avenue SW, Calgary, AB T2P 4T9

Website: cssd.ab.ca/Programs/ProgramSupports/DiverseLearning/Pages/default.aspx

Diverse Learning Supports Website:

cssd.ab.ca/Programs/ProgramSupports/DiverseLearning/DiverseLearningSupports/Pages/default.aspx

Calgary Quest School

Provides a multi-disciplinary pre-school program for children (aged 2-1/2 to 5-1/2 years old) and primary/secondary school program students (aged 5-1/2 to 18 years old) with special needs.

Phone: 403.253.0003
Address: 3405 Spruce Drive SW, Calgary, AB T3C 0A5
E-Mail: info@calgaryquestschool.com
Website: calgaryquestschool.com

New Heights

New Heights School & Learning Services offers preschool, school, and home-based programs for children who have autism spectrum disorder or a severe communication disorder. They utilize concepts from the T.E.A.C.C.H. and S.C.E.R.T.S. models of education in their programs.

Phone: 403.240.1312
Address: 4041 Breskens Drive SW, Calgary, AB T3E 7M1
Email: info@newheightscalgary.com
Website: newheightscalgary.com

Janus Academy

Provides an intensive individualized educational program for student with ASD (grades 1-12). Janus Academy specializes in providing an educational approach that is based on the principles of Applied Behavioral Analysis within structured individualized instruction and small group teaching sessions.

Phone: 403.262.3333
Address: 2223 Spiller Road SE, Calgary, AB T2G 4G9
Email: contact@janusacademy.org
Website: janusacademy.org

Renfrew Educational Services

Offers a broad range of specialized programs for children with special needs. They have various sites around Calgary. In addition, they offer specialized services for children with autism spectrum disorders.

Phone: 403.291.5038
Address: Main Office 2050 – 21 Street NE, Calgary, AB T2E 6S5
Email: renfrew@renfreweducation.org
Website: renfreweducation.org

For specialized services for children ASD:

renfreweducation.org/programs-services/program/sas-for-children-w-autism

Foothills Academy Estelle Siebens Community Services

Offers programs and services to assist students (children, youth, and some adult programs) with ADHD and/or learning disabilities.

Phone: 403.270.9400
Address: 745 - 37 St NW, Calgary AB T2N 4T1
Website: foothillsacademy.org/community-services

Woods Homes Specialized Learning Centres

Education centers for individuals who have been unsuccessful in traditional community school environments, due to mental health issues, addictions, aggressive behaviours, or other difficulties. Offers four different specialized learning centres and programs in Calgary: Children's Village, George Wood Learning Centre, Starting Points, and William Taylor Learning Centre.

Phone: 403.270.4102

Address: 805 – 37th Street NW, Calgary, AB T2N 4B8

Website: woodshomes.ca/site/PageNavigator/programs/specialized/programs_specialized.html

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