



Alternative
Programs



Chief Justice Milvain School Traditional Learning Centre (TLC)



learning | as unique | as every student



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Choice | Alternative Programs

- Indigenous Education
- Arts-Centred
- All Boys
- All Girls
- Languages (French, German, Mandarin, Spanish)
- Montessori
- Science
- Traditional Learning Centre (TLC)

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Why Alternative Programs?

- Providing families choices to meet the unique learning needs of each student
- Programs focus on a particular language, culture, subject (Arts, Science), or teaching philosophy
- Informed choice is essential – what is THIS particular program about and how does it meet MY child's needs?

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Inform | Key Messages

- Each program has unique features
- Integrity of the program remains the same across sites
- All sites follow Alberta Curriculum and Programs of Study with ATA certificated teachers
- All schools requiring a lottery follow the CBE lottery process
- Aligned with system timeframe for registration
- There is a designated Alternative Program school for each home address

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Timeline | Registration/Lottery

- Opens January 13, 2025
- Closed noon on Tuesday before Teachers' Convention (February 11, 2025)
- Lottery drawn on Wednesday before Teachers' Convention (February 12, 2025)
- Results of the lottery draw sent within 10 business days of the draw (February 27, 2025)
- Parents must accept/decline within 10 business days from the date of the acceptance letter
- If you have applied to more than one program that is in Lottery, please wait until you have heard your Lottery results from all the schools before accepting one

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Inform | Lottery Process

- Where a program is oversubscribed the lottery process will be employed
- Registrations are categorized using 3 priorities:
 - Priority 1 - siblings in walk zone
 - Priority 2 - walk zone, no siblings or outside walk zone with sibling
 - Priority 3 – designated attendance area
- Notification of acceptance in your SchoolEngage account within 10 business days after the lottery ([February 27, 2025](#))

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School Engage | Expression of Interest



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Expression of Interest - 2024-25

Form Submission

Current CBE (Kindergarten to Grade 8) students may complete this form to register at an alternative program school, for 2024-25, by noon on Feb 13, 2024 for schools in lottery; and until further notice for all other Alternative Programs. All Expression of Interests are based on Priority Lists, as stated in Administrative Regulation 6000 | Child and Student Registration and Admission. Completing an Expression of Interest does not guarantee acceptance into an alternative program. Registration will not occur until a family receives an offer of acceptance and confirmation of acceptance. Acceptance into a Kindergarten program does not guarantee registration in Grade 1. Note: school year 2024-25 starts in August 2024.

Student Information

Legal Last Name

Legal First Name

Legal Middle Name

Student Primary Address

This is the address on file. If this is not correct, first you must submit a Demographic Verification form.

Street

City

Province

Postal Code

Home Community (in Calgary)

School Information

Student's current grade

Student's grade in 2024-25

Designated Alternative Program Preference

An alternative program is a program that emphasizes a particular language, culture or subject-matter; or uses a particular teaching philosophy. All other programs fall under the regular program umbrella. For a full list of alternative programs, visit CBE's Program Options webpage.

Alternative Program - Preference 1

Note | An Expression of Interest requires at least one alternative program selection. It may have up to three selected alternative program choices. Please note that these selections are not ranked in the order that they are selected. Each will be considered equally.

Alternative Program (1st Choice)

Designated Alternative Program School (1st Choice)

Alternative Program Declaration

I have read and understand the information regarding the alternative program(s) in which I have expressed interest.

I understand that if a lottery process is utilized and the student's name is NOT drawn, the student will be enrolled in the designated regular program school based on the student's address.

I understand that I will receive any notifications / outcomes by email.

I understand that there are additional fees and/or volunteer commitments associated with the alternative program. If I am unable to pay these fees, I will apply for a waiver.

I have read and understood the transportation information and fees.

Siblings

My child has a sibling(s) who will be in the same school, same program, next school year.

My child / student is a twin (or other multiple)

Declaration

I, the undersigned,

Please ensure you fill out ALL sections of School Engage when registering, uploading all pertinent documents helps streamline the registration process.

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Inform | Transportation

- K-5 yellow bus transportation provided following CBE congregated stop guidelines for alternative programs
- parents pay an annual fee for CBE yellow bus service
- congregated stops reviewed annually and informed by pre-registration for transportation: [MyCBE/PowerSchool](#)

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Elements of the TLC Program:

- character education
- whole group instruction
- academic enrichment (vertical and horizontal as appropriate and possible in the school setting)
- mandatory French as a Second Language from grade 1
- singing of *O Canada* beginning of the week
- mandatory school uniform
- TLC Program ends in Grade 9
- daily homework expectations in grades 1-9 (Google Classroom)

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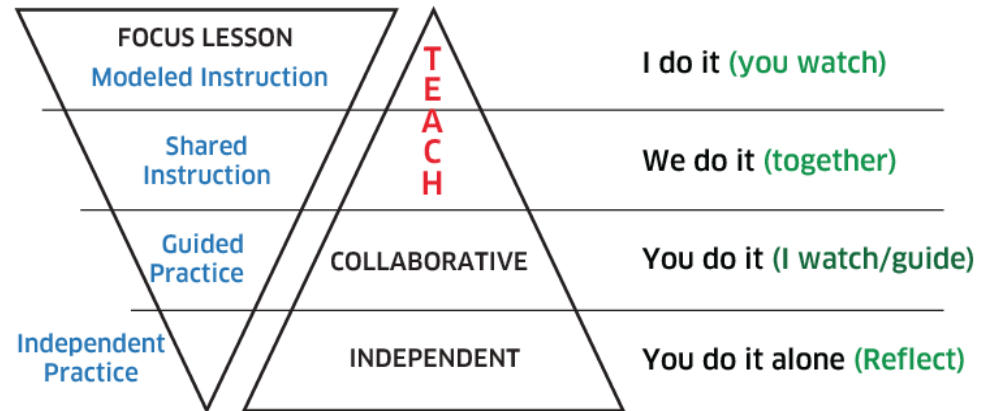


The TLC classroom

- utilizes the gradual release of responsibility model

The Gradual Release Model

TEACHER RESPONSIBILITY



STUDENT RESPONSIBILITY

Figure 1: The Gradual Release Model

[responsibility.html](#)

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A TLC student demonstrates...

- participation in positive social interactions and takes an active role when engaging in problem solving, acts of citizenship and service
- acceptance of a rigorous academic environment
- willingness to pursue excellence across all disciplines of the Alberta Curriculum
- a willingness to work independently
- a commitment to daily homework as guided by Administrative Regulation 3060

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Family Supports | Commitments

- partners in education
- daily uniform compliance
- participation in French instruction
- actively support with homework
- regular communication with the school through email, phone calls and conferences
- support a welcoming, safe, respectful learning environment
- regular attendance in accordance with the Education Act
- volunteering

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Uniform Guidelines:

- Elementary school uniform colour – green (TLC cardigan and vest)
- all students wear the TLC tartan plaid. Either the plaid tie, tartan dress must be worn on formal days.
formal uniform required Mondays & special occasions
- informal uniform may be worn on all other days.
all uniform pieces must be clean, tidy, in good repair and fit appropriately.
- all uniform pieces should be clearly and permanently labelled
- further information about purchase is available when acceptance into TLC is confirmed and child is registered. Do NOT purchase a uniform until this time.

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Uniform Purchase

TLC Uniform pieces are available at
McCarthy Uniforms

5911 3 St SE 403-252-9342

mccarthyuniforms.ca

2025-2026 Uniform Purchasing Windows

July 2- October 31, 2025

December 17, 2025 - January 31, 2026

April 15, 2025- May 31, 2026

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Calendar and Bell times

Current bell times are subject to change.

An updated calendar with all finalized dates and times will be shared with all parents as soon as it is available.

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Chief Justice Milvain School

- CJM is a dual track school serving Whitehorn, Coral Springs and Taradale
- 574 Students
- TLC: Kindergarten – Gr 5
- Community Program: Kindergarten – Gr 6
- TLC Students attend Annie Gale for Gr 6
- Community Program Students attend Annie Gale for Gr 7
- Currently 44 Staff Members

Thank You

Please contact the school if you
have any further questions

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