

April 4, 2017

Dear Students and Parents,

Re: Regular Program School Designation for Students Residing in Cornerstone

The community of Cornerstone is located is located north of Airport Trail NE between 60 Street NE and Stoney Trail NE. (see map on the back of this notice). The Cornerstone community is planned for a population of 30,200 to 32,100 people and will be built out over the next 15 to 20 years.

The Calgary Board of Education (CBE) would like parents to be advised of the following school designations for students residing in the community of Cornerstone.

Regular Program:

Elementary	Grant MacEwan School	180 Falshire Drive N.E., Phone 403-777-6930
Junior High	Terry Fox School	139 Falshire Drive N.E., Phone 403-777-8800
Senior High	Lester B. Pearson High School	3020 - 52 Street N.E., Phone 403-280-6565

New communities are regularly assessed for their suitability for transportation services. We ensure there is a consistent and safe path that is clear of obstructions which are frequently caused by construction supplies and equipment in newer communities. We need city maintained roads for the yellow school bus to enter, maneuver to pick up students and safely exit the community. Next, we look for an appropriate place for a bus stop that will allow for consistent safe loading and unloading of passengers. Once there is a safe path and a safe stop location, we add yellow school bus service to new communities.

General information regarding transportation services, fees and walk zones are available on the Calgary Board of Education's website www.cbe.ab.ca and at the schools. All students accessing transportation are required to pay transportation fees.

Information Regarding Transportation Services for Regular Programs

Until yellow school bus service is added to new communities, we provide a stop as close as possible in a neighbouring community. The initial bus stop location may not fall within the current CBE guidelines for travel distance to a bus stop. We encourage families to look at routes available on our website, www.cbe.ab.ca/busstop to find the current closest stop. Stops and services are reviewed as conditions change in a new community. For any questions, please contact transportation@cbe.ab.ca.

Alternative Programs at the CBE

The CBE also offers many alternative program choices for our students. For information regarding designations to other CBE programming opportunities visit our website at http://www.cbe.ab.ca/programs/program-options/Pages/default.aspx

Information Regarding Transportation Services for Alternative Programs

Where students are not attending their designated regular program school, congregated bus stops may be in place when there are too few students to send a yellow bus in to a community and still meet our fiscal responsibility to reduce busing costs. This CBE guideline applies to all communities not only new communities. Congregated stops may not be within walking distance. Rather, they are a gathering point for students in nearby communities from which the number of riders are very low. Parents and guardians may have to make alternate arrangements to get to the bus stop or school in these cases. We encourage families to look at the current bus routes for the program(s) they are considering to find the closest stop before finalizing their decision.

These routes are available on our website www.cbe.ab.ca/busstop. For any questions, please contact transportation@cbe.ab.ca.

If you have questions, concerns, or require additional information, please contact the Area 4 office at 403-777-6233 (extension 0).

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