



Ongoing Need for Additional Learning Spaces

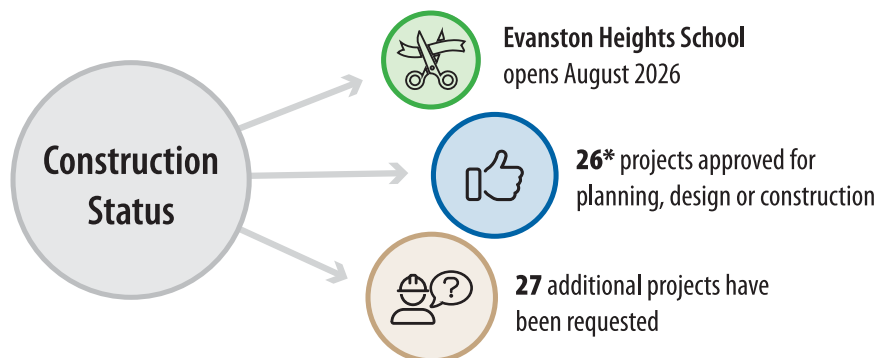
Schools are the heart of a community. Our goal is for generations of students to attend a school close to home, learn alongside neighbours in modern learning spaces and avoid long bus rides.

Most CBE schools are full. New schools are still needed.

- Enrolment to increase by 8,360 students to 150,763 by 2030.
- Currently, 166 of our 251 schools (nearly 70%) are full or over capacity. The system utilization rate is 95%. High schools are already at 107% capacity.
- Within the next ten years, a total of 179 CBE schools (over 70%) will exceed the standard 50-year design life. Ongoing modernization and replacement projects are essential to ensure safe, efficient and future ready learning environments.

More investment in learning spaces is needed across every quadrant of Calgary.

The CBE is requesting 27 projects including 21 new schools, one addition, two replacement schools, two modernizations and one solution project to support two aging elementary schools in NW Calgary.



*26 approved projects include 22 new schools, 2 replacements, 1 modernization and 1 addition. Evanston Heights is one of the new schools.

Even with 26 projects approved, it takes several years for new schools to be built. The system utilization rate is still projected to remain at 89% by 2030, well above the optimal rate of 85% set by the Alberta government.

Additional modular classrooms are needed to provide short-term solutions to the space crunch.



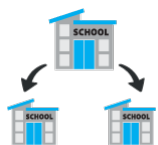
In fall 2025, CBE requested 64 modular classrooms. If approved, this would provide learning spaces for over 1,600 students. Since last summer, 57 classrooms were installed or relocated across twelve schools. Another 21 are in progress. Prairie Sky School, which opened in 2023, recently received seven modulars.

Every available space is being used.



When a student population increases at a school, administration looks to make the best use of other spaces, which could mean using the learning commons, stages and music rooms for classroom space. This means less flexibility in programming.

31 schools are overflowing to other communities with more space.



When a school reaches capacity, new registrations are capped and students who live in the community must be overflowed to another school in a different community with available space. A number of these schools are overflowing to multiple receiver schools as they too reach capacity. This means more students require transportation and bus rides become longer.

2027-30 Capital Plan Requests

Year 1 New Schools – 7,500* Student Spaces

1. Belmont/West Macleod High School^^
2. Legacy Elementary^
3. Livingston Middle^
4. Seton Middle
5. Belmont Elementary
6. Carrington Middle^
7. Pine Creek Elementary^
8. Glacier Ridge Elementary^

Additional Requests

- M** Crescent Heights High School – Modernization
- R** Spruce Cliff School – Replacement
- A** Nelson Mandela High School – Addition
- M** Dr. Oakley School – Modernization
- S** Bowcroft/Belvedere Parkway Schools – Solution

Year 2 New Schools – 10,000* Student Spaces

9. Glacier Ridge High School^^
10. Livingston High School^^
11. Seton Elementary^^
12. Walden/Wolf Willow K-9^^
13. Yorkville Elementary^
14. Cornerstone Middle
15. Rangeview Elementary^
16. Pine Creek Middle^
17. Glacier Ridge Middle^

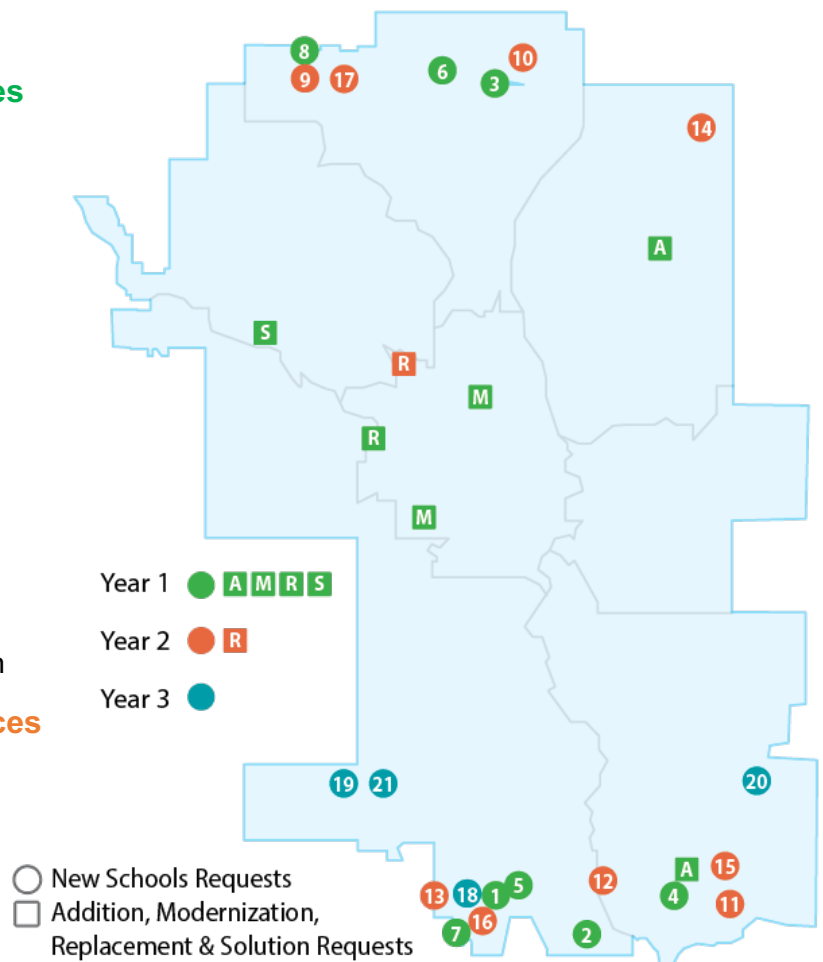
Other Year 2 Requests

- R** William Aberhart High School– Replacement School

Year 3 New Schools – 3,000* Student Spaces

18. Yorkville Middle^
19. Alpine Park Elementary^^
20. Hotchkiss Elementary^^
21. Alpine Park Middle^^

*Actual capacity of a school determined after project approval.



Site Readiness

Currently, 8 of the top 10 new school projects are not site ready including three high school sites.

We are working closely with the City of Calgary and developers to ensure the conditions for site readiness are met so these projects are ready for approval.

- ^ anticipated to be site ready within 1 year
- ^^ anticipated to be ready within 5 years

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