



Alternative Programs



Bowcroft School

German Bilingual

January 25, 2024

6:00 – 7:00 PM



learning | **as unique** | as every student



Calgary Board
of Education



Alternative programs

- Welcome
- Land Acknowledgement (in German)
- Introductions
- Division 2 choir
- German adult choir
- Presentation
- Exploring the school and classrooms
- Pretzels & Apfelscholle





Alternative programs

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





Benefits to learning another language

- Additional Language learning enables students to further develop their problem-solving and memory skills while building confidence and pride in learning another language
- Expands the intellect
- Teaches responsible citizenship
- Develops enhanced feelings of self-esteem and pride in having acquired an additional language
- Strengthens English literacy skills





Benefits to learning another language

- Encourages the joy of lifelong learning
- Promotes exploration, understanding and appreciation of the many different cultures around the world and contributes to multilingualism and multiculturalism
- Allows students to compete internationally
- Provides students with more choices for advanced education and career options
- Broadens students' cultural life through access to literature, art, music and theatre in another language





Watch your child
become fluent.



A German Bilingual Education,

your Gateway to the World

Empowered.

Globally competent.

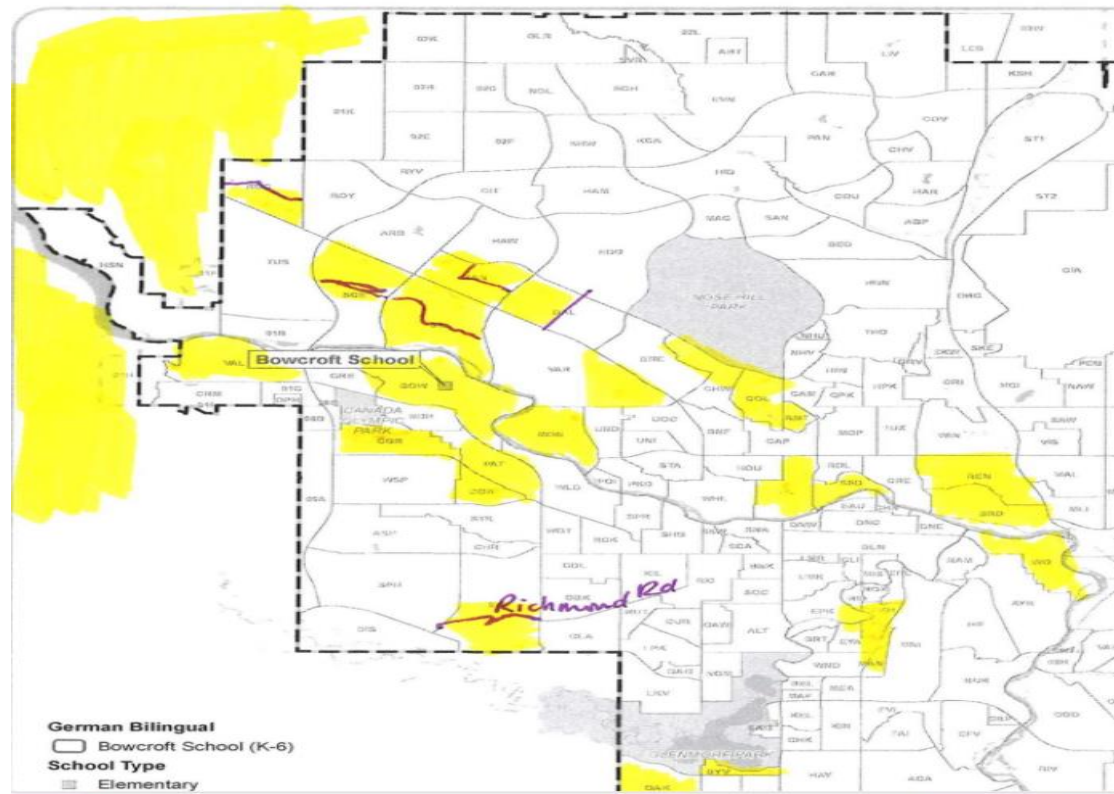
Equipped to actively participate in the world.





Where do German Speakers Live According to Stats Canada?

German Bilingual Program 2023-24 School Year



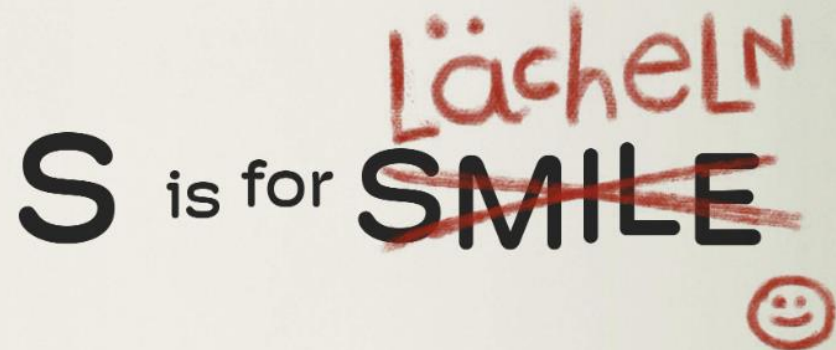


Which neighborhoods do our students come from at this point?

- Beddington Heights
- Beltline
- Bowness (lots)
- Cambrian Heights
- Citadel
- Country Hills
- Crestmont
- Dalhousie
- Edgemont
- Evanston
- Glamorgan
- Hawkwood
- Huntington Hills
- Inglewood
- Livingston
- Martindale
- Montgomery
- Na'a Heights, SW
- Oakridge
- Penbrooke Meadows
- Pineridge
- Ranchlands
- Sandstone Valley
- Scenic Acres
- Silver Springs
- Skyview Ranch
- St Andrews Heights
- Trinity Heights
- Tuscany
- Tuxedo and Tuxedo Park
- Valley Ridge
- Varsity
- West Hillhurst
- Westgate



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Who Can Register

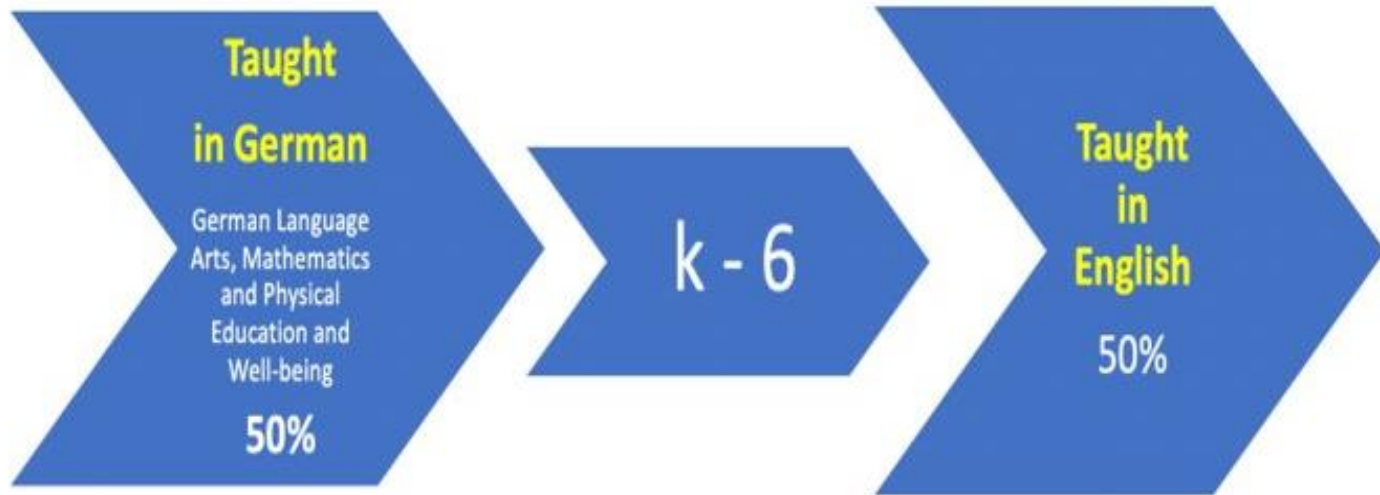
- Students entering kindergarten or Grade 1
- Parents do not need to know German
- In the case of an alternate entry point, parents will reach out to the school directly to arrange an appointment for a language assessment for suitable placement.
- **Registration opened January 15, 2024**





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S is for ~~Lächeln~~ ~~SMILE~~





Transportation considerations

- K-5 yellow bus transportation provided following CBE congregated stop guidelines for alternative programs
- Parents **pay an annual fee** for CBE yellow bus service (grade 1-6: **\$465**, kindergarten/1 way only: \$232.50)
- Congregated stops are reviewed annually and informed by pre-registration for transportation, online through **MyCBE/PowerSchool**
- Congregated stops may not be within walking distance and alternate arrangements may be required to access the congregated stop





Transportation considerations



- You need 10 students to sign up for transportation to give your neighborhood a stop
- Parents are responsible for bringing the student to and supervising them at the congregated stop until the bus arrives and for being at the bus stop when the student returns
- Register before the deadline and your address will be part of the congregated stop consideration
- Register after the deadline and you will be added to the closest existing congregated stop



Bussing-Delay Information

Service providers are asked to contact schools when there is a **delay of over 20 minutes**.

[MyBusStop](#) is a Southland app and [FirstView](#) is a First Student app that

provide real-time information on the location of a bus and any delays.

A new unique access code will be provided each new school year through [MyCBE](#) to registered students assigned to stops.





Fees



In Kindergarten:

- \$20 ISM Instructional Supplies Materials
- Bussing - 1 way only: **\$232.50**

In grade 1-6

- Lunchroom supervision fee **\$30.50 monthly**
- Bussing **\$465**
- \$40 ISM Instructional Supplies Materials





Additional Opportunities at Bowcroft

- Real Music Teacher with ORFF training
- Clubs offered:
 - Coding
 - Bike repair
 - Choir



Residencies offered:

- Ballroom dance
- Alien Inline skating
- Fish Creek outdoor field trips
- Hoola Hoop dancing
- Finger weaving
- Drumming





What Comes After?

- Many families choose Late French Immersion for grade 7 → Branton JH
- Continue with the German school to keep improving
- Course challenge once you enter grade 10. With sufficient German, you can challenge German 30 while attending ANY high school, even if your HS does not offer German. If you pass, you will then receive credits for German 10, 20 and 30. This is new and exciting





Next

- Stop by the office to get your volunteer clearance started
- Visit all the classrooms aka meet the teachers
- Make your way to the kindergarten wing
- Grab a pretzel and some Apfelscholle in the lunchroom
- Connect with Kids Come First (daycare)
- **Register your child 😊**
- Please scan the code to fill out our feedback survey – or leave your email and I will send you a link.





Questions

and hopefully

Answers



Danke!
Thank You!



Please fill out the survey!

Please contact the school if you have any further
questions at

P| 403-777-6020

Or email me at

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