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William Aberhart High School

School Motto
 Semper Paratus
 "Always Prepared"

School Colours
 Orange and White

William Aberhart High School, located in the northwest community of Banff Trail, near the University of Calgary, is a comprehensive high school offering regular, Spanish Bilingual, French Immersion and Advanced Placement programs. The communities designated for the regular program are Banff Trail, Capitol Hill (west of 14 Street), Charleswood (east of Charleswood Drive) and Collingwood (west of 14 Street).

William Aberhart High School is the designated French Immersion High School for Calgary's northwest communities. Junior high feeder schools for the French Immersion program are Branton, Valley Creek, and Georges P. Vanier. William Aberhart is also the designated Spanish Bilingual high school for the north side of the city.



Registering at William Aberhart

Programming recommendations are based on the student's past and current achievement, capabilities, interests, goals and teacher recommendations. Students are advised to carefully select courses, as course scheduling and staffing are based on student requests. Every effort is made to provide appropriate interventions and supports in order for students to pass a course the first time. Students planning a cultural exchange or travel program during their high school years are advised to plan their program in consultation with their counsellor at William Aberhart. Grade 11 is the recommended year to participate in an exchange program.

The Calgary Board of Education offers a common guide for all high schools called "Your Introduction to High School." This registration guide includes information about high school completion and diploma requirements and can be found on the high school page of the CBE website.



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Student Registration Process

Fall/Winter	French Immersion visits to feeder schools
Fall/Winter	Spanish Bilingual visits to feeder schools
Fall	Open House & Grade 9 tours
Late January	First visit to feeder schools by our Guidance Counsellors
February	Registration cards and teacher recommendations completed
Late February	Second visit to feeder schools by our Guidance Counsellors
April	Course verifications returned to feeder schools
Late August	Timetable confirmed and fees paid

French Immersion Program Registration

Students who enrol in the French Immersion Program at William Aberhart High School are expected to commit to the program for all three years of high school. The decision to continue in French Immersion should be based on student achievement, effort, commitment and willingness to continue in the program. Students enrolled in the French Immersion Program must show commitment to their French Immersion studies by speaking French at all times in all classes where French is the language of instruction.

Students enrolled in the French Immersion Program must complete the current school year in French Immersion before requesting a program transfer. Students who wish to withdraw from the program will be asked to engage in a diagnostic process so they can make an informed decision. If a student withdraws from the program, he/she may be directed to the regular program at their designated school for the following school year. (See the Detailed High School Course Guide)

Mandatory French Immersion courses:

- French Language Arts 10-1, 20-1, 30-1 or 30-2
- Social Studies 10-1, 20-1 or 20-2, 30-1 or 30-2
- Mathematics 10C, 20-1 or 20-2, 30-1 or 30-2

Spanish Bilingual Program Registration

Students enrolled in the Spanish Bilingual Program must show commitment to their studies by speaking Spanish at all times in all classes where Spanish is the language of instruction. Registration for the Spanish Bilingual Program consists of 15 credits in Spanish Language Arts, 5 credits in Mathematics 10C Sp and one 5 credit option. The majority of students complete all requirements of the Spanish Bilingual Program High School Certificate within three years.

Students enrolled in Spanish Bilingual must complete the current school year before requesting a program transfer. Students who wish to withdraw from the program will be asked to engage in a diagnostic process so they can make an informed decision. A student who withdraws from the program may be directed to his/her regular program at their designated high school for the next school year.

Mandatory Spanish Bilingual Program courses:

- Spanish Language Arts 10, 20, 30
- Mathematics 10C Sp

Spanish option courses: (one of the following)

- Art 10 Sp, Sculpting 15 Sp, Sculpting 25 Sp
- Communication Technology 10 Sp





Advanced Placement Program

The Advanced Placement Program is recognized worldwide for its post-secondary designed courses. It is intended for students who have demonstrated strength and interest in a particular subject and for students who require AP course(s)/exam(s) by respective post-secondary Registrars.

Junior high students intending to pursue Pre-AP courses at Aberhart should fill out Advanced Placement (AP) Program Registration and Expression of Intent form:

www.cbe.ab.ca/FormsManuals/Advanced-Placement-Registration-Information-and-Expression-of-Intent.pdf

Pre-AP courses will be selected at the time of Aberhart Guidance Counsellor visits to junior high schools. The Pre-AP stream of courses will prepare students for the rigour of AP exam expectations.

AP course availability may vary from year to year. AP classes are optional and therefore not required for completion of the Alberta Education High School diploma. Students writing the AP exams are expected to pay AP exam fees (\$93US) plus nominal administration fees. Schools are not funded to cover the cost of AP exams.

Advanced Placement and Pre-AP classes offered

Grade 10

Math 10C Pre-AP
Math 10C French Pre-AP

Science 10 Pre-AP

ELA 10-1 Pre-AP

Grade 11

Math 20-1 Pre-AP
Math 20-1 French Pre-AP

Bio 20 Pre-AP & Bio 30 AP
Physics 20 Pre-AP
Chemistry 20 Pre-AP
English 20-1 Pre-AP
AP European History

*AP French Language and Culture

*AP Spanish Language and Culture

*AP French or Spanish is offered outside of timetable and can be taken in either grade 11 or 12.

Grade 12

Math 30-1 Pre-AP
Math 30-1 French Pre-AP
Math 31 AP Calculus

Physics 30 AP
Chem 30 Pre-AP & Chem 35 AP
English 30-1 AP
AP Comparative Government and Politics
Computing Science 30 AP
AP European History

Learning Commons

Our new and improved Learning Commons is the physical and virtual learning hub of the school. It houses three computer labs, a collaborative working area for students and a reading lounge designed to promote literacy. Our Learning Commons is staffed with a full-time teacher who facilitates project-based learning experiences using a variety of print and digital resources, provides supervision for students working individually and offers learning support on a drop-in basis.

Student Success Centre

The Student Success Centre is open during school hours for students on an Individual Program Plan (IPP) who want a quiet environment to work, study and write a test. We have computers for student use, several large tables for individual or group work, and a separate extra-quiet exam room.



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We have a Learning Strategist who acts as a liaison between students, parents, teachers, and guidance counsellors to ensure students receive all the necessary support and accommodations. All students with specific needs have access to the tools and materials they need to support their learning.

- Creating a learning profile on Iris
- Learning assessments
- Individual program plans on Iris
- Assistive technology and learning resources
- One on one or group support with a Learning Strategist
- Quiet learning space to work, study, or write a test when it is possible
- Accommodations & supports for students with learning needs and/or attention challenges
- Help with: self-advocacy, attention and concentration in the learning process/ strategies, memory skills, organizing skills, time management skills, reading skills, writing skills, test preparation and study skills
- Support with transition from grade 12 to post-secondary opportunities for students with IPP

Career and Technology Studies (CTS)

Business, Administration, Finance and Information Technology Cluster (BIT)

- Computing Science 10, 20, 30

Trades, Manufacturing and Transportation Cluster

- Mechanics 10, 20, 30
- Construction 10, 20, 30

Media, Design and Communication Arts Cluster

- Design Studies 10, 20, 30
- Fashion Studies 10, 20, 30
- Communication Technology 10, 20, 30

Health, Recreation and Human Services Cluster

- Foods 10, 20, 30
- Connections
- Sports Medicine 10, 20, 30 (Service hours at 20 and 30 levels)
- Sports Performance 10, 20, 30
- Yoga 15, 25, 35

Fine and Performing Arts Choices

Art

- Art 10, 20, 30
- Sculpting 15, 25, 35
- Special Projects 10, 20, 30

Drama

- Drama 10, 20, 30
- Advanced Acting and Touring 15, 25, 35
- Technical Theater 15, 25, 35

Dance

- Dance 15, 25, 35



Music Program Courses

Strings 10/20/30

Prerequisite: None

Five credit course for students who play or want to learn to play violin, viola, cello or string bass. The class is open to all students. The class is designed for students of all levels of ability and will be based on individualized instruction by both the classroom teacher and guest clinicians. Chamber ensembles will be a significant component of this class. The school is unable to provide instruments for loan or rent. These can be rented from local music stores by families as needed. String basses are provided for use at the school only.



Women's Choir 15 (5 credits)

Co-requisite: Choral Music 10

Prerequisite: None

Students will learn a variety of choral literature and will have the opportunity to perform at a number of concerts and festivals throughout the year.



Concert Choir 15 (5 credits)

Co-requisite: Choral Music 10

Prerequisite: None

This choir consists of grade 11 and 12 women and grade 10, 11 and 12 men. All men who are new to the choral program at William Aberhart will automatically be registered for Concert Choir 15 when they select 'choir' on their option selection form. Students learn a variety of mixed choral literature and have the opportunity to perform at a number of concerts and festivals throughout the year.



Choral Music 10 (5 credits)

Co-requisite: Women's Choir 15; Men's Concert Choir 15

Prerequisite: None

Choral Music 10 is scheduled in the regular timetable and is mandatory for all non-band students new to the Choral program at William Aberhart. The Choral 10 program focuses on vocal technique, sight-reading, ear-training, history and theory. Students have the opportunity to sing music from a variety of genres, and a large range of musical ability and experience can be accommodated. This course is optional for band students.

Concert Choir 25/35 (5 credits each)

Co-requisite: Choral Music 20/30

Prerequisite for Concert Choir 25: Grade 10 Women's Choir/Concert Choir.

Prerequisite for Concert Choir 35: Concert Choir 25

Students learn a variety of mixed choral literature and have the opportunity to perform at a number of concerts and festivals throughout the year.





Music Program Courses - Continued

Choral Music 20/30 (5 credits each)

Co-requisite: Concert Choir 25/35

Prerequisite: Choral Music 10

Choral Music 20/30 is scheduled in the regular timetable and is mandatory for all non-band students registered in Concert Choir 25/35. The Choral 20/30 program focuses on vocal technique, sight-reading, ear-training, history and theory. Students have the opportunity to sing music from a variety of genres and a large range of musical ability and experience can be accommodated. This course is optional for band students.



Choral Ensemble 15/25/35 (5 credits each)

Co-requisite: Choir 15/25/35 - audition is necessary

This performance ensemble is comprised of choir students who are selected through an audition process. This ensemble performs a variety of repertoire, including jazz and chamber music, at concerts and festivals as an extension of the Choral Music program. Students will automatically be registered for this class if they qualify.



Instrumental Music 10 (5 credits)

Prerequisite: Completion of a Junior High School Band program or consent of the Music Director

Co-requisite: Band 15 Concert

The Instrumental Music 10 program provides an opportunity for students to develop as musicians through improvement of their skills developed in junior high. A large range of musical ability can be accommodated. The Music 10 program focuses on improving technical skills, sight-reading, theory and history and concert performances. More advanced students have the opportunity to play in various smaller ensembles: woodwind, brass, choirs, quartets.



Concert Band 15 (3 credits) - automatically registered by the school

Co-requisite: Instrumental Music 10

The concert band is an extension of the Instrumental Music 10 course and rehearses at different times outside of the normal timetable. Section rehearsals will be scheduled as needed throughout the year.

Instrumental Music 20 & 30 (5 credits each)

Co-requisite: Band 25 or 35 Symphonic these levels are an extension and continuation of skills developed in Instrumental Music 10.



Symphonic Band 25/35 (3 credits each) - automatically registered by the school
Co-requisite: Instrumental Music 20 or 30

The symphonic band is an extension of the Instrumental Music 20 or 30 classes. The symphonic band rehearses at different times outside of the normal timetable. Section rehearsals will be scheduled as needed throughout the year.



Wind Ensemble 20/30 (5 credits)
Co-requisite: Chamber Music 25/35 - audition is necessary

The Wind Ensemble is comprised of more advanced music students and is open to students in all grades. The experience of performing in an ensemble with one to two players per part motivates the finest students to take on exceptional musical challenges.

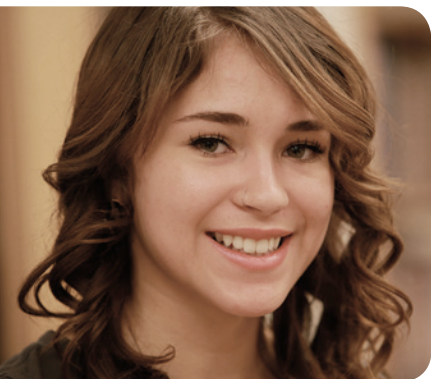


Wind Ensemble 25/35 (5 credits)
Co-requisite: Wind Ensemble 20/30 (Instrumental Music)

This class is made up of grade 11 and 12 students selected for the wind ensemble through an audition process.

Instrumental Jazz 15/25/35 (3 or 5 credits each) - will be registered through the music department in the fall
Co-requisite: Instrumental Music 10/20/30

Students must audition for placement purposes and register in one of three jazz ensembles, (big bands), according to ability and experience. Each ensemble rehearses either two or three times per week, depending on the ensemble. Students will study the fundamentals of big band jazz including swing, Latin and other genres. Improvisation is an integral component of this course.



Entrepreneurial Artist

This is a CTS course in 5 modules designed for students who intend to pursue life as an artist. Offered in conjunction with Junior Achievement, students will explore and develop a business plan, as well as a marketing plan to assist in their success as an artist. Students will be connected with a Teacher Advisor at William Aberhart, as well as a professional artist/mentor through Junior Achievement.

This course will run outside of the regular timetable and is open to students in all Fine Arts programs, as well as to students who may pursue other forms/genres of art outside of school. Interested students may begin the course at any time and work at a pace that is relevant to their goals. Students must apply directly to the Learning Leader of Fine Arts, Mr. Kevin Willms, in order to establish that this course is appropriate.





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Social Sciences Complementary Courses

Aboriginal Studies 10, 20, 30 (New)

Psychology 20 (3 credits) - Made up of the following one 3 credit course:

- Personal Psychology 20 (3 credits)

Psychology 30 (6 credits) - Made up of the following two 3 credit courses:

- Experimental Psychology 30 (3 credits)
- Applied Sociology 30 (3 credits)

AP Comparative Government & Politics (6 credits)

- International Politics 30 (3 credits)
- World Geography 30 (3 credits)

AP European History (6 credits)

- Military Studies 15 (3 credits)
- European History 35 AP (3 credits)

Teams, Clubs & Activities

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| ▪ Advocate
(Student Newspaper) | ▪ Fall and Spring Play | ▪ Robotics Club |
| ▪ Alberta International
Exchanges | ▪ Film Fest | ▪ Social Action Committee |
| ▪ Animé Club | ▪ Fitness Centre | ▪ Spain Trip |
| ▪ CBE International
Certificate | ▪ Grad Council | ▪ Student Exchange Programs
(OSEF) |
| ▪ Clay Throwing Club | ▪ Iconographer Club | ▪ Student Leadership Club |
| ▪ Debate | ▪ Improv Club | ▪ Technology/Media Club |
| ▪ DELF | ▪ Mock Trial | ▪ We Bleed Orange |
| ▪ Digital Photography Club | ▪ Netherlands French
Exchange | ▪ William Aberhart Advisory
Council |
| ▪ Drama Improv Club | ▪ Orange Social Action Club | ▪ Will's Till |
| ▪ Europe 2018 | ▪ Photography Club | ▪ Yearbook |
| | ▪ QSA | |

Athletics

Success in athletics at William Aberhart High School has been a proud and long-standing tradition. Our school provides an experience in all sports available in the CSHSAA. Last year our athletes brought home 13 city championships and 1 provincial championship. We have over 500 student athletes competing for the Orange with approximately 30 athletes receiving full scholarships in post-secondary education. There is a place for everyone to find success with the Orange. We are Orange!

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| ▪ Badminton | ▪ Field Hockey | ▪ Rugby | ▪ Track & Field |
| ▪ Basketball | ▪ Football | ▪ Soccer | ▪ Volleyball |
| ▪ Cross Country | ▪ Golf | ▪ Swim & Dive | ▪ Wrestling |



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