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**CANADIAN ROCKIES**  
Public Schools



**INTERNATIONAL  
STUDENT PROGRAM**  
BANFF, CANMORE ALBERTA





# OUR COMMUNITY

The Canadian Rockies Public Schools are nestled throughout the Bow Valley; a dynamic environment rich in pristine lakes, dense forests and a dynamic mountain range.

Our communities operate in harmony with this environment taking full advantage of a wide range of physical activities, wandering through the calmness of nature, observing various forms of wildlife and being a part of endless community events and attractions.

## **Our communities include:**

### **BANFF**

Banff National Park is Canada's first national park and is surrounded by the Canadian Rocky Mountains. Within the town of Banff you will find many outdoor activities, an extensive history and a vibrant arts and culture scene.

### **CANMORE**

Only a 15-minute drive east of Banff, Canmore is located at the edge of Banff National Park and caters to a thriving recreational and environmentally conscious community. Canmore is a community centered around physical activity and culture. There are music festivals, community events, and international sporting events every weekend. With over 71km of multi-use trails, the world-class Canmore Nordic Centre, Elevation Place, and endless outdoor activities, Canmore is a great community to call home.

*Both Canmore and Banff are truly unique destinations including 5 major ski resorts, 6 golf clubs and have earned their must-see reputation through careful preservation of their natural wonders and welcoming spirit.*

# OUR PROGRAM

- Canadian Rockies Public Schools (CRPS) has an excellent reputation for educational programming and ranks amongst the top performing school divisions in Alberta.
- International students receive an individualized academic program following the Alberta Curriculum enabling them to achieve Alberta Education credits which can lead to a high school diploma and university entrance.
- Study for 5 months, 1 school year, or multiple years if you wish to earn your high school diploma.
- All students receive high quality instruction from certified Alberta teachers, fostering students to achieve their maximum potential.
- International students have the advantage of graduating from a leading Canadian school system while gaining fluency in English, a skill that has practical utilization worldwide.

*What ever your passion is – you will be inspired  
in the Canadian Rockies.*

# CURRICULUM

- Functional competency in English is required to join our academic program. Course placement decisions will be based on the student's English proficiency. Emphasis will be placed on developing the language skills necessary to succeed in core subject areas.
- Core Subjects: Mathematics, English, Social Studies, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Science, Physical Education.
- Examples of Option Courses include: Instrumental Music, Drama, Computer Studies, French, Art, Media and Design Studies, Communications Technology, Tourism Studies, Mechanics, Construction Technology and Outdoor Leadership.
- Students use state of the art technology to enhance learning including modern computer labs and fully equipped workshops. We have WiFi throughout our schools and students are encouraged to use their devices in our class rooms and study areas.
- Our ESL course is designed for students who wish to improve their English language skills in a friendly, yet challenging atmosphere. Reading, writing, listening and speaking are emphasized as students are introduced to the rules of the English language.





# HOMESTAY PROGRAM

Our experienced home stay parents are committed to enhancing your child's stay in Canada by including them in family activities and special events around the community. Our home stay families are thoroughly screened and happy to open their home to a student. We provide regular contact with the student and family throughout their program to ensure full support and satisfaction with the placement.

- Support: Our international Students become part of the Canadian Rockies Public Schools family. We have staff on call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to support students in case of an emergency.
- Our staff regularly monitor students integration into Canadian life, their homestay experience, and their academic progress.
- Canadian Rockies Public Schools also offers field trips and social events for our International students such as national park activities, dog sledding, museums, snow tubing, celebration of Canadian Holidays and many more!

# ACTIVITIES AND FACILITIES

Canadian Rockies Public Schools uses advanced facilities to assist students with their education. Academic resources include computer-assisted instruction, scientific laboratories, television studio, libraries and technology centers. Students have access to excellent athletics and recreational facilities. Sports such as soccer, basketball, downhill skiing, badminton and cross-country skiing are available as well as extracurricular activities for those with interest in areas such as creative writing, photography and student leadership.

# SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS

Canadian Rockies Public Schools staff assist international students in coping and adapting to their new environment. Teachers and student advisers are available to counsel students on issues concerning finances, school and personal well being. Multilingual staff are available to provide interpretation and translation services. The international student program offers monthly social activities for international students in addition to regular school activities, clubs and teams.

With the help of support staff, students can arrange celebrations and social gatherings with other students and community members.

# FAST FACTS

**Canadian Rockies Outdoor Learning Centre:** Environmental Education opportunities abound. Students can study Outdoor Leadership, Water Ecology & Management, Snow Travel and much more – all while earning high school credits.

**Small Town Luxury:** Our high schools have between 300 - 600 students, nestled in the small but full service towns of Banff (population: 7,000) and Canmore (population: 13,000).

**Leading by Example:** 1,000 pounds of food was grown in the CCHS roof top garden this summer alone – come sample it in our school cafeteria.

**Academic Excellence:** Alberta's PISA results are in the top 10 in the world and our local results are some of the highest in the province.

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