

What educational opportunities are available to my child with autism spectrum disorder?

Many students with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) can attend their designated local school in a fully integrated classroom with a minimum level of support. Other students may benefit more from a program that is specifically designed to meet their more complex learning needs.

- It can be beneficial to obtain a psycho-educational assessment (completed by a psychologist) to understand your child's learning potential, his/her strengths and challenges, and the best educational strategies for support.
- Talk to your child's teacher, learning specialists or resource team to get recommendations for programs and services.
- If private schools are a preferred option for your family, explore those options.
- Build good working relationships with your child's teachers and learning support staff.
- Meet regularly with your child's classroom teacher, educational assistants and other professionals, including school administration. Remember they are experts in their respective fields but you are the expert when it comes to your child.

RESOURCES

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Calgary Board of Education (CBE)

Offers a range of specialized programs to support exceptional learners.

Website: <https://www.cbe.ab.ca/programs/supports-for-students/exceptional-and-special-needs/complex-needs/Pages/Complex-Needs-Programming-Autism.aspx>

Calgary Catholic School District (CSSD)

Essential components of educational programming for students with autism spectrum disorders.

Website: cssd.ab.ca/Programs/ProgramSupports/DiverseLearning/DiverseLearningSupports/Documents/ecep_autism_spectrum_disorder.pdf

Calgary Quest School

Provides a multi-disciplinary pre-school program for children (aged 2-1/2 to 5-1/2 years old) and primary/secondary school program students with special needs (aged 5-1/2 to 18 years old).

Phone: 403.253.0003

Address: 3405 Spruce Drive SW, Calgary, AB T3C 0A5

Email: info@calgaryquestschool.com

Website: calgaryquestschool.com



Foothills Academy Estelle Siebens Community Services

Offers programs and services to assist students (children, youth, and some adult programs) with ADHD and/or learning disabilities. ASD cannot be primary diagnosis.

Phone: 403.270.9400
Address: 745 - 37 St NW, Calgary AB T2N 4T1
Website: <http://www.foothillsacademy.org/school/>

Janus Academy

Provides an intensive individualized educational program for student with ASD (grades 1-12). Janus Academy specializes in providing an educational approach that is based on the principles of Applied Behavioral Analysis within structured individualized instruction and small group teaching sessions.

Phone: 403.262.3333
Address: 2223 Spiller Road SE, Calgary, AB T2G 4G9
Email: contact@janusacademy.org
Website: janusacademy.org

New Heights

New Heights School & Learning Services offers preschool, school, and home-based programs for children who have ASD or a severe communication disorder. They utilize concepts from the T.E.A.C.C.H. and S.C.E.R.T.S. models of education in their programs.

Phone: 403.240.1312
Address: 4041 Breskens Drive SW, Calgary, AB T3E 7M1
Email: info@newheightscalgary.com
Website: newheightscalgary.com

Renfrew Educational Services

Offers a broad range of specialized programs for children with special needs. They have various sites around Calgary. In addition, they offer specialized services for children with ASD.

Phone: 403.291.5038
Address: Main Office 2050 – 21 Street NE, Calgary, AB T2E 6S5
Email: renfrew@renfreweducation.org
Website: renfreweducation.org

For Specialized Services for children ASD:

renfreweducation.org/programs-services/program/sas-for-children-w-autism

Woods Homes Specialized Learning Centres

Education centers for individuals who have been unsuccessful in traditional community school environments, due to mental health issues, addictions, aggressive behaviours, or other difficulties. Offers four different specialized learning centres and programs in Calgary: Children's Village, George Wood Learning Centre, Starting Points, and William Taylor Learning Centre.

Phone: 403.270.4102

Address: 805 – 37th Street NW, Calgary, AB T2N 4B8

Website: <https://www.woodshomes.ca/our-services/schooling/>

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