



Welcome to...

*ÉCOLE SECONDAIRE FOOTHILLS COMPOSITE HIGH SCHOOL
ALBERTA HIGH SCHOOL OF FINE ARTS*

Great teaching is a multifaceted belief that embraces the challenges of the diverse needs of all learners. It is the commitment to the 21st century learner, teacher, parent, and all other community members who impact or are impacted by today's youth.

ÉSFCHS/AHSFA staff is dedicated to engaging the creativity of a student's mind through authentic and meaningful experiences that intrigue the imagination. It is an educator's ability to embrace diversity and to celebrate individual talents by establishing supports for and collaborating with colleagues to facilitate an environment that is responsive to educational challenges. ÉSFCHS/AHSFA staff is determined to empower students through a holistic approach that promotes collaboration and inclusion that fosters respect and trust between students, teachers, and families. The integrity and honesty of our staff will build authentic relationships while promoting a positive environment that utilizes the strengths and gifts of each other. It is through compassion and dedication that our teachers will exemplify a personal commitment about education, and the future of our students, their community and society.

Enhancing the learning experience for the learner is at the core of our work. Promoting a school environment that is authentic and meaningful to the unique talents of our students will ultimately reshape, engage and prepare the creative minds of our students.

Sincerely,

Vince Hunter
Principal ÉSFCHS/AHSFA



ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

ÉSFCHS/AHSFA believes that every child is gifted and talented. Our school culture is one that encourages curiosity, supports thinking outside the box, promotes creativity in the arts and in writing, exposes students to new and exciting ideas, promotes career education opportunities, offers rewards for good citizenship, teaches leadership and problem-solving skills, and develops a love of learning.

At ÉSFCHS/AHSFA the road to academic excellence is rooted in our core values of Courage, Commitment and Integrity. For our staff and students academic excellence is not simply a destination we reach, nor a mark on an exam, but a journey we undertake every day. We cultivate an environment in which our students surpass or move beyond where they begin each day.



ADVANCED PLACEMENT

Advanced Placement or AP, is an internationally recognized enrichment program that offers acceleration and challenge to motivated and gifted students. This enriched academic program is designed to provide high achieving students with post secondary level courses in a high school setting. Students who complete AP courses demonstrate their mastery of the subject material by writing internationally recognized examinations prepared and graded by the College Board. Successful completion of Advanced Placement exams permits students to obtain credit in first-year university courses at many colleges and universities around the world.

AP is considered a standard for academic excellence in Canada, the United States and around the world. AP courses and exam grades are used in the admission process in more than 3,800 universities and colleges in 115 different countries.

ÉSFCHS / AHSFA currently offers AP courses in Mathematics and English Language Arts and there are pre-tests for both programs.

THE FINE ARTS

At ÉSFCHS/AHSFA we believe in the power of the arts to transform lives of young people. We believe that all students benefit from the opportunity to learn about and experience the fine arts. Our school is dedicated to the pursuit of excellence in academia while equipping students with the experience, knowledge and skills to excel in the visual and performing arts. The Fine Arts faculty is dedicated to developing students' self-confidence, self-control, empathy, social tolerance and positive group relationships. Teachers strive to create a fun and caring atmosphere that combines commitment, hard work and collaboration to bring out the highest levels of performance possible.

Students can explore and experience the arts in its many forms - visual arts, choral music, dance, drama, theatrical studies, instrumental music, jazz band, technical theatre production and musical theatre. These streams constantly intertwine as our young performers, artists and technicians experiment and experience related disciplines, enhancing their whole artistic core. Dedicated and professional staff deliver a flexible fine arts and academic program within a safe, supportive and productive environment.

At ÉSFCHS/AHSFA, we believe that immersion in performance saturated surroundings will produce happy and inspired students who will go on to achieve their best in school, work and life. But what makes ÉSFCHS/AHSFA the first choice school for serious minded performers and artists is the students themselves. They have created an atmosphere of courage, commitment and integrity where exploration of fine arts is celebrated for the value they add to learning and to life.

FRENCH IMMERSION

In Alberta, many students have the opportunity to study in a French immersion program, which is an effective way for students to become functionally fluent in French while achieving all of the learning outcomes of the regular programs of study. Graduates from French immersion programs achieve a level of fluency in the target language that allows them to pursue their post-secondary studies in French or to accept employment in a workplace where French is the main language of communication.

Students have the opportunity to continue their French Immersion programming with French Language Arts (FLA) 10-1, 20-1 and 30-1, as well as Études sociales (French Social Studies) 10-1, 20-1 and 30-1. These courses will enable students to partake in French learning and instruction daily over the course of the school year, while joining their English language counterparts for other core subjects including Mathematics, English and Science. At the end of grade 12 we strongly encourage students to take the DELF, an international French proficiency exam offered by the French government. For more information on this and other programs, please don't hesitate to contact the school!

CAREER & TECHNOLOGY STUDIES

Career and Technology Studies (CTS) classes offer our students important learning opportunities to develop skills that can be applied in their daily lives now and in the future. CTS courses help students to develop their technology-related skills, investigate career options and enhance their employability skills.

Career development requires students to develop enthusiasm for lifelong learning that carries them beyond learning in school. Creating personalized pathways in CTS allows students the opportunity to expand their career goals and interests and make connections among CTS courses and other subjects. The course structure of CTS enables our school to design unique programs that meet the needs of students and take advantage of community resources.

CTS classes include courses in the practical and vocational areas of:

- Business Education
- Communication Technology
- Construction Technology

- Cosmetology
- Fabrication (Welding)
- Foods (Culinary Arts)
- Information Processing
- Information Technology & Design
- Mechanics
- Medical Sciences
- Sports Medicine
- Trades, Manufacturing and Transportation

THE HUB & ALT EDUCATION

At times our students must seek alternative paths to educational completion, due to scheduling and timetabling complexities, physical or emotional, health challenges, learning, behavioral, family circumstances. To ensure success for every learner a selected and distinct area was created: "the HUB". Within this space is an alternative learning environment offered to the high school learner as a choice to complete one, some, or in certain cases, all of their high school courses. The hub offers a transformative way of learning. A student from any offered program, with any ability, skill or interest can access the hub. Please speak to a counsellor or administrator if you would like more information about the Hub.



THE WORLD OF WORK

Following the completion of Career and Life Management Class (CALM) as presented at ÉSFCHS/AHSFA students have the opportunity to earn Work Experience credits while working as paid employees. Alberta Education recognizes the value of learning in a work setting where employability skills develop as part of job exploration and job training programs. Credits are submitted to Alberta Education and will be applied to the student's official Academic Transcript. There are three areas of specialty: Work Experience (covers all areas), Green Certificate (Agriculture based), and Registered Apprenticeship Program (R.A.P.)



MODERN LANGUAGES

FCCHS offers a strong 3-year Spanish program and a thriving 3-year French as a second language program.

100% of students reported that their second language skills will help them in the future.

98% of students reported that their modern language classes met their educational needs.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

The Physical Education program at FCCHS/AHSFA is designed to enable students to develop the knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary to lead an active and healthy lifestyle. Through dynamic and varied activities students will experience a variety of sport, recreation, and lifestyle opportunities both on-campus and off. Programs are offered at two different levels, sport and recreation, to meet the needs and interests of different students. However, both programs seek to offer students a rich physical education experience that will translate into a life of physical activity and wellness.

RESULTS FROM THE “TELL THEM FROM ME SURVEY”

- 83% of students have positive relationships in school compared to 77% Canada-wide
- Significant improvements in intellectual engagement and motivations to succeed
- ÉSFCHS/AHSFA was rated above the Canadian norm for sense of belonging, effective learning time, positive teacher-student relationships, and school expectations for success.

ALBERTA EDUCATION ACCOUNTABILITY RESULTS

- 88% reported excellent programs of studies
- 70% Rutherford scholarship eligibility compared to 61% Alberta-wide
- 89% reported excellent education quality
- ÉSFCHS/AHSFA was rated high for excellent parental involvement

EXTRA-CURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES

Ecole secondaire Foothills Composite High School / Alberta High School of Fine Arts offers an array of exciting extra-curricular opportunities. Our dedicated staff, students and volunteers offer programs in the visual and performing arts, students leadership opportunities, philanthropy and community service and individual and team sports. Students and families are invited to enrich their experience at FCHS/AHSFA by participating in one or more of these fantastic opportunities.

Athletics: football, golf, cross-country running, volleyball, basketball, wrestling, curling, cheerleading, rugby,

badminton, soccer, track and field, high school rodeo, and after school fitness programs.

The Arts: Art shows, Musical Theatre, the DRAO Festival, Dance showcases, Choir concerts, Technical Theatre, Band Camp, Music Festivals

CTS: Skills Canada, Compound Cup, after school shop

Clubs: film club, yearbook, gaming club, Student Union, Operation Christmas Child, Humanitarian club, card board boat racing, international travel tours, driver training, and the Library Coffee House

CONTACT US: *WE'RE HERE FOR YOU!*

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