

A large, stylized, light blue outline of an apple with a stem and a single leaf is positioned in the upper left quadrant of the page. The apple's shape is defined by thick, rounded lines, and the stem is a simple vertical line ending in a small circle representing a bud. The leaf is a simple, curved shape extending from the stem.

CFIS BUSING & BAS HANDBOOK

**GENERAL INFORMATION & GUIDELINES
FOR PARENTS**

BUSING

Calgary French & International School is pleased to provide bus service to a broad catchment area of students from all areas of the city and surrounding areas.

Busing service is provided by First Student Canada for transportation both to and from CFIS.

We currently serve various communities in and around Calgary such as Cochrane and Airdrie. Our routes are always based on family request and we are continually assessing the potential of providing service to additional communities.

In order to keep travel times for each bussed student to under one hour where possible, while ensuring safe and timely arrival to school, students will be picked up at group collection points in the morning. We will also be using the group drop off points for the afternoon routes.

On the following page you will find answers to many frequently asked questions associated with CFIS's busing operations. Any further questions may be forwarded towards Dennis Falconer, Director of Operations busing@cfis.com.

BUSING (Continued) FAQs

How are busing fees determined?

CFIS strives to keep its busing fees as low as possible for our families. A few years ago, we moved from our own busing fleet to a third party. Morning and afternoon busing fees do not subsidize the costs of transportation for field trips.

What is the deadline for registering for busing?

The deadline for registering for busing is prior to April 1st for the upcoming school year, however, due to COVID-19, this was extended to May 1st.

What if my busing needs change after the busing registration deadline?

Parents have until October 1st of the school year to withdraw from the service without penalty. After that date, no pro-rating of the annual cost of the service will occur.

If families new to CFIS are interested in the busing service, what should we do?

During your tour, inform our enrolment team (admissions@cfis.com) about your interest in CFIS' busing service. Parents who apply after the busing registration deadline can select from one of the predetermined group collection points or drop-offs.

What if my child wants to use the busing service occasionally?

Due to the health restrictions imposed as a result of COVID-19, we are not offering occasional use of busses for the foreseeable future, or until these restrictions are lifted by Alberta Health Services.

What are the busing rates?*

One-way: Mornings only or afternoons only: \$2,210 per school year
Both ways: Mornings and afternoons: \$3,250 per school year

*Fees are subject to change without notice during the school year.

BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

The CFIS Before and After School (BAS) program is licensed under the Alberta Child Care Licensing Act. We believe that the program is an extension of the school day and will maintain the same standards, expectations, and values of the CFIS school day. The CFIS BAS program is proud to follow the best practices in health and safety, as recommended by licensing and health authorities. To help each child to develop to their full potential, we plan a variety of activities based on the children's interests and needs.

Activities may include:

- Arts activities (visual arts, dance, drama, music);
- Athletic activities (team and individual sports, yoga, etc);
- Outdoor play and exploration;
- Dramatic play;
- Homework time;
- Literacy activities;
- Leadership and philanthropy;
- Science experiments and exploration;
- Robotics, coding and programming

The children are encouraged to contribute ideas to the daily programming and share their knowledge with others. The homework club portion for Grades 4 to 6 Before and After School program provides academic support to our students in both French and English. Our Before-school program opens at 7 a.m., and the After-school program closes at 5:30 p.m. We do not provide the program on Professional Development days, Winter Break, February Break, Spring Break or Student-Led Conference Days.

BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM (Continued)

While our BAS program is intended for students registered in advance, we welcome requests for drop-in, occasional use when space permits.

Drop-in fee of \$20 per hour (one hour minimum must be booked). Please contact Susan Ammeter at the below phone & email to request occasional care. All mandatory paperwork must be completed in its entirety before any child attends BAS, including occasional use.

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School Programs
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587-572-1607 (CFIS Cell)

Before & After School Program*

Before-school program (Preschool to Grade 6)	\$3,300
After-school program (Preschool to Grade 3)	\$3,760
After-school homework program (Grade 4 to Grade 6)	\$3,760
Both the Before and After-school program	\$6,550

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