

John G. Diefenbaker Graduation 2026



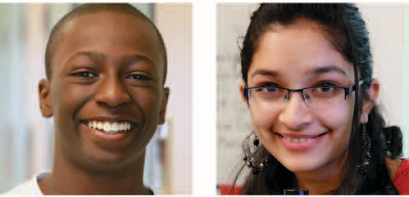
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Overview



**CEREMONY – FRIDAY, June 5th –
9:00 AM**



**RECEPTION – FRIDAY, June 5th 2:30
– 5:00 PM**



**GRAD REHEARSAL – THURSDAY,
June 4th – Afternoon – Mandatory
Attendance for Students**

Grad Rehearsal - Thursday, June 4



**Grad Rehearsal – Periods 3 and 4 –
in the JGD gym**



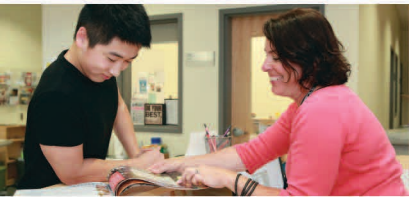
- Graduates will learn specific details of the ceremony (where to enter the building, how to cross the stage) and practice the processional and recessional
- Student attendance is mandatory

Ceremony

- **Centre Street Church 3902 2 St NE**
- Friday, June 5th at 9:00 am
- Students arrive at the venue by 8:30 a.m.
- Students will bring their gown, vee stole and cap
- Ceremony is approximately 2.5 - 3 hours in length
- Parking available – no cost
- Grounds are perfect for photographs



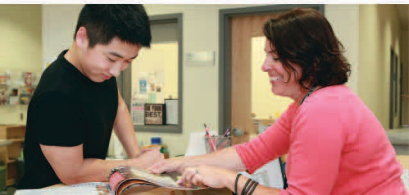
Important Information



- The graduation ceremonies are a formal celebration of your son or daughter's accomplishments. Guests are asked to show their respect by remaining seated throughout the ceremonies.
- Horns and noise making devices are forbidden in Centre Street as they interfere with the progression and formality of the program. We want all parents to be able to hear their son or daughter's name announced as he or she crosses the stage.

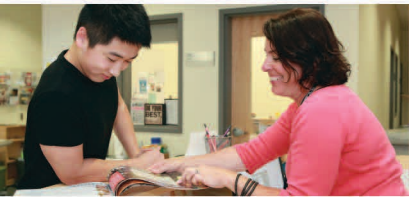
Formal Reception

- **WinSport - 88 Canada Olympic Rd. SW**
- Friday, June 5th – approximately 2.5 hours after the Ceremony at 2:30 pm – 5 pm
- Custom meal will be served
- Dance hosted by professional DJ
- Photo booth, vignettes and curated scenes for group photos
- All guests, **including graduates**, require a ticket (**\$65**) - tickets will go on sale April 27th to May 7th
- Tickets must be paid through PowerSchool



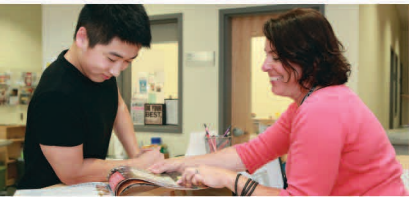
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- Great Food! A DJ hosted dance! Fun photo ops!

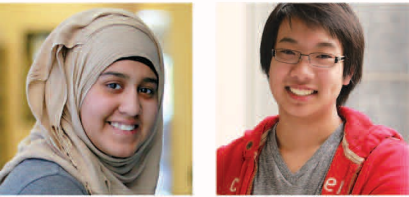


Reception Details

- As with all Calgary Board of Education events, graduation is subject to CBE regulations and expectations. Alcoholic beverages and or drugs, smoking or vaping are not permitted on the property. Nor is the consumption of alcohol permitted during the reception event. Leaving the facility and returning is not permitted and will be monitored and enforced by the Calgary Police Service (CPS).
- There will be Security guards on site checking bags for all guests
- Single entry – once a guest leaves, they are not allowed re-entry



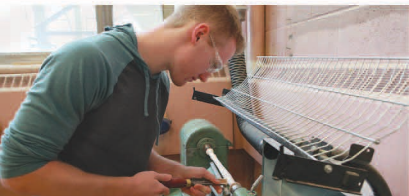
TICKET INFORMATION



Ceremony



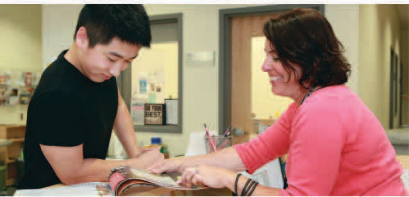
Graduates **do not** need a ticket for the ceremony – All guests need a ticket



Each student will be provided with 4 tickets for the Graduation Ceremony to distribute to friends and family to attend

- Grad Fees must be paid to access tickets (PowerSchool or Business Office)

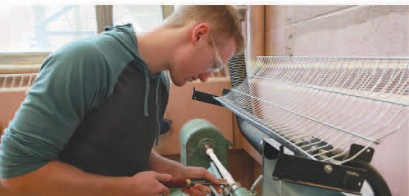
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- All guests – including grads – must have a ticket for the reception
- Tickets for the reception will be ordered through Google Forms between **April 27th and May 7th**
- The **\$65.00** will be paid for through PowerSchool and available for pick up in the business office (date TBD)
- Ticket required for entry and includes appetizers, dessert, beverages and dance

Grad Fees



- Grad Fees include – certificate, formal photo from ceremony, individual gown, vee stole, cap and tassel, venue rental
- Fee of \$75.00 can be paid through PowerSchool or at the Business Office
- Wednesday, **April 29 at 6 p.m.** is the grad fee deadline
- Students must pay the grad fee to receive their gown and to order tickets to the ceremony and banquet.
- Late payment of fee will result in a delay accessing tickets

Graduation Requirements



Students must have credit for the following courses in addition to the 100 credits in total by the end of the school year in order to receive their official diploma from Alberta Education.

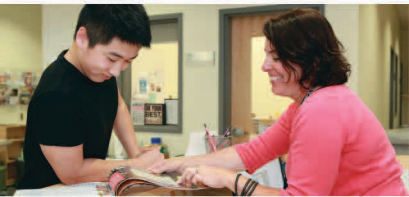


- ELA 30-1 or 30-2 Social Studies 30-1 or 30-2
- Math – 20 level Science – 20 level
- Additional 30 level Additional 30 level
- CALM 20 Physical Education 10
- 10 credits in CTS/Fine Arts/Second Language/Phys. Ed 20/30



Total of 100 credits – Please have your student verify their credits using their **MyPass account**

Scholarship Information



Where can I find scholarships/awards to help with post-secondary?

- Grade 12 students are encouraged to create an account on ScholarTree.ca for access to scholarships
- Create an account with EducationMatters.ca for access to student awards
 - Subscribe to ScholarshipsCanada.com to receive scholarship opportunities in your inbox!
 - Subscribe to yconic.com to receive scholarship opportunities in your inbox
- Visit the websites of the schools that you're interested in attending to learning about entrance scholarships as well as other scholarships that you can apply to.

FAQ



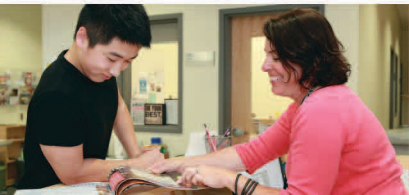
Will there be school on the day of the Rehearsal?

Yes, all students who are participating in the ceremony must attend morning classes and the afternoon rehearsal



When does my student get their gown?

Gowns will be handed out, with tickets, a couple weeks prior to grad



Will there be school on the day of the Ceremony?

There are no classes for students on June 5th

Are there other events or activities for students?

There are special events in the school in the week of Grad. Any other events that may be advertised or planned aside from the in-school celebrations, the ceremony and the reception are not connected to Diefenbaker or the CBE in any way.



What should students wear?

Graduation is a formal event. Grads should be wearing semi-formal to formal. Some students may wish to wear a dress or suit, while others may want to wear something less formal. Traditional cultural attire is welcome. Reminder that the ceremony gowns can be warm.



Do guests need to sit in assigned seats?

Seating at the CSC is not assigned, nor is WinSport.



Will there be a program?

Programs for the Ceremony will be available at CSC one per family and a digital copy will be available.

What does my grad need a ticket for?

Grads do not require a ticket for the ceremony, but will need one for the reception.



Does my child need a ticket to attend the ceremony even if they are under 12?

All people entering the venue require a ticket for the ceremony, unless they are a graduate dressed to cross the stage.



Will there be extra ceremony tickets? This is dependent on how many tickets are picked up, if there are any extras, details on how to obtain will be shared via messenger.



Are the venues accessible?

Yes, the venues are both accessible for wheelchairs or mobility issues. There is lower floor seating at CSC and there is an elevator at WinSport. Please email Lisa Early at lmearly@cbe.ab.ca for Accessibility seating requests.



Other Important information



- The certificate a student receives is commemorative – diplomas are issued by Alberta Education after students have written diploma exams and finished their courses



Questions?

Fees/Payment – Ms. Prum – Business office 274-2240 ext. 2405



Ceremony (Venue/Gowns/Tickets) – Ms. L. Early
– lmearly@cbe.ab.ca

Reception (Venue/Tickets) – Ms. A. Gierach–
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