

Catholic Central High School
Campus East/West
FAQ

What is a “dual campus”?

- In essence we will have one school that uses two buildings
- Each building (or campus) will offer the basic courses a student would need to graduate from high school
- Some option classes will be specific to a particular campus (e.g. Drama will be at CCHS East and Pre-engineering will be at CCHS West)

Will both campuses offer the quarter system?

- Yes. Catholic Central High School is committed to the quarter system timetable. Since we are one school, this format will be the same at both campuses.

Will students regularly move between the two campuses?

- Students will generally remain at one campus for a full quarter. Students will have the opportunity to move between campuses each quarter in order to allow them to fully access all programs to best meet their program needs.
- For example: Quarter 1 – English and Physical Education – Campus West
Quarter 2 – Religious Studies and Drama – Campus East

Could a student take their entire high school program at one campus?

- Yes. If all the courses a student wants are offered exclusively at one campus, a student may never need to move. However, we would hope that students take advantage of the opportunity to experience both campuses, and to interact with new people and explore a variety of programs.

Which courses are limited to one campus?

- Campus East: Construction Technology, Drama, Music Academy
- Campus West: Pre-Engineering, Mechanical Technology
- Core classes including Advance Placement classes will be held at both campuses.

How will students be transported from one campus to the other?

- Students will continue to travel to either campus using transit services as currently provided through the division, in cooperation with the City of Lethbridge.

Will students need to travel between campuses during the day?

- Likely not. This is one area we are still exploring further.

Where will co-curricular activities and after school clubs take place?

- These activities will take place at the campus best designed for them, or at the discretion of the coaches and club supervisors.

Where will the academies be located?

- Academies will be placed at the campus with the best facility to support the program. In addition, since academies often use community facilities, the location of these will also be a consideration.

How will students get to an after school activity if it is offered at the campus they do not currently attend that quarter?

- Depending on the need, we will offer school transportation to a campus after school. Students would need to find their own transportation home after the activity, which is currently the norm.

Where will school events such as games or concerts take place?

- We will always endeavor to have events take place at the facility best suited for the event.
- One of our aims is to ensure equitable use of both campuses in order to keep the sense of unity that is so much a part of the CCH experience.

How will staff be divided between the two campuses?

- Teaching staff will be allocated to campuses depending on the needs of students and the time-table. As with students, it is possible that a teacher may spend an entire year at one campus, or may move between campuses from quarter to quarter.
- The CCH Chaplain will move between both campuses. Both Campus East and Campus West have chapels.
- Counseling will be available at both campuses during the day.
- Education assistants will be allocated to both campuses depending on student needs.

How will administration be divided between the two campuses?

- The current plan is to have one principal, who will “float” between each campus, an on-site associate principal at each campus, and one associate principal who will also “float” between campuses.

Will each campus have a Trinity Learning Centre?

- No. Campus East is the home of Trinity Learning Centre. However, provisions are being put in place for students to have access to a similar learning site at Campus West. We are able to offer this opportunity because of our involvement in an Alberta Education pilot project which explores alternative methods of delivering instruction to students.

Are you sure this is a good idea? Sounds like a lot of work!

- The staff at CCH is committed to offering students the best education opportunities possible through a variety of curricular and co-curricular programs. We believe this can best be accomplished through the dual campus.
- The staff of CCH has a history of accepting challenges and embracing opportunities – the quarter system, sports and music academies, community service as a component of religious education, state-of-the-art new media program, 20 years of musical theatre, and now, the only dual campus school in the province of Alberta.
- We have an opportunity to do something that has never been done before and we have the people to do it.