



HIGH SCHOOL OVERVIEW

Are you under the age of 20 (as of September 1st) and working toward earning your high school diploma? Are you looking for a school that lets you:

- Choose how, where and when you learn?
- Build a strong foundation for post-secondary success?
- Earn while you learn?

From a variety of home-based education programs to on-site programming and enrichment opportunities, Argyll has the answers if you want choice and flexibility in your learning. Our wide range of programs and learning strategies allows you to learn your way.

Select one of three learning paths:

For-credit (Teacher-directed)

Coursework in the For-credit program fully addresses the **Alberta Program of Studies (APS)** student learning outcomes.

This is home-based learning using either online or off-line course delivery and is the same curriculum offered at other high schools in Alberta. It is also the path most high school students choose at Argyll.

You may enrol in a few courses at a time, or you may wish to take a full course load (36-40 credits) per year. You may continue to work toward a high school diploma until you are 20 years of age (as of September 1).

You may choose Argyll as your primary high school so you can take advantage of our flexible program options or you may choose us as your secondary school so you can fit in courses that might not otherwise work into your timetable at your primary high school. If you are enrolled at another high school and wish to take additional courses at Argyll, you must consult with your primary school.

Blended Program

Blended programs are those where a minimum of 20 percent of your coursework addresses the Alberta Program of Studies (APS) student learning outcomes for high school credit. This portion is addressed through direct teacher instruction and assessment. The remaining portion of the program is guided by the provincial Home Education Regulation (AR 126/99).

By selecting a Blended Program, you and your parents:

- indicate a willingness to work in partnership with the Argyll teacher/facilitator to develop an Individual Education Plan for the home education (parent-directed) portion of the program.
- agree to communicate with your teacher/facilitator in such a way as to ensure that the teacher/facilitator has current knowledge of your learning and progress in the teacher directed portion of the program (for credit).
- understand that the teacher/facilitator will provide a final progress report indicating your grade level and achievement level in each subject area you are enrolled in for credit
- **understand that courses must be registered from the start as either credit or non-credit; this cannot be changed after September 30th**
- obtain pre-authorization from Argyll if seeking to register in courses with another school or school board

Home Education (Parent-Directed)

Home Education programming is a learning choice for you if your family wishes to plan, deliver and assess your home education program, and is guided by the Alberta Education Home Education Regulation.

*Note: Deadline for enrolment in a Home Education Program is **September 30, 2010**.*

Choose When and How you Want to Learn

You can choose to learn online or off-line, during the day or in the evening, following regular semesters and/or in the summer. A flexible learning schedule means more opportunities for you.

LearnNet

Argyll Centre's online program, LearnNet, allows you to complete your studies online and follows the Alberta Program of Studies (APS). All LearnNet curricula meet the standards established by Alberta Education. A high school diploma earned through LearnNet provides you with the opportunity to pursue a career and post-secondary studies in accredited universities and colleges in Canada and abroad. High school students enrolled in LearnNet are eligible for the Rutherford and other academic scholarships.

Correspondence

The Correspondence program provides you with the opportunity to complete a full range of courses, with teacher support, outside of a traditional classroom. The program consists of learning modules designed to address the Alberta Program of Studies (APS) learning outcomes. Learning packages and materials are provided, however students are required to cover the cost of any items deemed to be a "consumable" such as practice workbooks, etc. High school students enrolled in the Correspondence program are eligible for the Rutherford and other academic scholarships and upon completion of their high school diploma may pursue careers and post-secondary studies in accredited universities and colleges in Canada and abroad.

Summer Learning

Argyll's Summer Learning (summer school) offers you flexibility. Because you do not have to commit to a classroom setting for summer learning and can choose to study through correspondence in the evening and on weekends, you have the opportunity to pursue other activities, including summer employment. Working and studying allows you to build your resume and take advantage of year-round learning. You may pick up resources for summer learning after spring break. All work for summer courses must be submitted by the third week of July.

Alternative Delivery

Argyll Centre recognizes that there are many ways the provincial curriculum requirements can be addressed, and that a wide range of approaches and resources can be implemented. Argyll will assist you by helping you design a program that reflects your world view, allowing you to choose the appropriate materials and approach.

Students and parents choosing this program will coordinate with our staff to ensure that the learning outcomes of the Alberta Program of Studies (APS) are addressed. Teachers will also ensure that meaningful assessment has occurred and that marks are assigned based on these assessments. Once Alberta Education's requirements have been met, Argyll Centre will ensure that a course mark is registered for credit with Alberta Education.

This program involves a high degree of parental involvement and collaboration to both plan and manage the courses.

Contact one of our campuses if you are interested in this approach.

Earn while you learn

Earn high school credits, gain valuable on-the-job experience, build your resume and make money while you learn at Argyll! Our Earn While You Learn opportunities include:

Registered Apprenticeship Program (RAP)

Students must be pursuing a High School diploma and be on track to graduate (ie. Grade 10-complete all Grade 10 courses, Grade 11-complete all Grade 11 courses). Students registered full-time in high school can now earn up to 40 credits toward their high school diploma by taking training towards a trade. Students who qualify for RAP take eight modules, each requiring 125 hours of training under the supervision of a Journeyman. For each 125 hours of training, students receive five credits, totaling 40 credits over one to three years.

Work Experience

Work Experience provides an opportunity for you to obtain worthwhile experience in the world of work and to continue school studies at the same time. This program is designed to allow you to experience employment for the purpose of clarifying vocational choice and preparing for entry into the world of work. Work Experience 15, 25 or 35 can be taken for a maximum of 10 credits per course. However, students will only be able to count a total of 15 credits obtained in WE toward their diploma.

Child and Youth Care Program— Be the Difference

If you want to *be the difference* in the lives of young children, you can start your child development training for a career in child care. The Province of Alberta has legislated training requirements for child care centre employees. Argyll's Child and Youth Care program consists of two components. The Level 1 Orientation Course for Child Care Staff must be completed first along with CMH2050 and CMH3050. The Orientation Course is sponsored by Alberta Children and Youth Services and may be done on-line or through correspondence. The second part is applying for the High School Child Care Career Scholarship which provides first-year support for students who wish to pursue post-secondary training in child care. This program allows you to explore the field of child care and helps you transition into post-secondary studies in the child care field.

Green Certificate

The Green Certificate Program is an industry driven agricultural training program. Its apprenticeship style of delivery ensures that participants learn through actively performing the skills required. This means learning, hands-on, out in the barn, field or corral and getting dirty. It also means having a trainer who is knowledgeable and interested in the trainee's success. You can earn 18 credits in this program, including one for Job Preparation CTR1010, and one for Personal Safety CTR1210. Below are programs that are currently available through the Green Certificate program:

- Bee Keeper Production
- Cow-Calf Beef Production
- Dairy Production
- Equine Technician
- Feedlot Beef Production
- Field Crop Production
- Irrigated Field Crop Production
- Sheep Production
- Swine Production

Health Internship

Our Health Internship program gives Grade 11 students, who have been selected through an application process, the opportunity to job-shadow healthcare workers in hospitals and healthcare centers throughout the Capital region during the summer. When you complete your six-week (30 day) internship, you will earn 10 credits. Employers offer an honorarium of up to \$2000 and some offer selected Grade 12 students a second summer internship. If you're considering a career as a healthcare professional, apply in the spring to work in our Health Internship program during the summer of your Grade 11 year. Careers Health Services Applications are available starting in November/April and are available through the work experience coordinator or the school counsellor or online at www.nextgen.org.

This is competitive. Applicants must include letters of recommendation and go through an interview process with Alberta Health Services.

eTourism

Ever thought about being a snowboard instructor for a season? How about owning your own restaurant? Becoming an airline pilot or a chef sound interesting? eTourism is a new online program at Argyll which blends high school tourism credit courses, work/volunteer experience, and Canadian Travel and Tourism (CATT) industry certification. This online course offers students a look at the tourism industry in Alberta. Students do a variety of projects including designing hotels, exploring theme parks, and looking at careers in everything from becoming a snowboard instructor to life as a celebrity chef on Food TV.

You have the option to enrich your learning

by enrolling in one of the following distinctive programs:

Aboriginal ReachOut (Edmonton)

Argyll's Aboriginal ReachOut program recognizes and respects Indigenous teachings, encourages innovative approaches to learning and fosters respect and responsibility in students, parents and staff. The program provides an alternative learning environment that fosters academic success. Aboriginal students are guided and challenged spiritually, intellectually, physically and emotionally. They also have the flexibility to attend ceremonies, sacred events and opportunities to practice their own culture. Aboriginal ReachOut is designed to support students who will benefit from working in a home/family/extended family environment within their community. The program encourages students to become self-reliant learners and critical thinkers, with the ability to plan for their own futures.

Christian

Students are able to integrate faith into their learning through a variety of strategies, including online and off-line course delivery in the For-credit, Blended, and/or Home Education programs. ED 2000 is a Bible-centred program that uses Christian materials to meet the goals of the program of studies for each course. Students are challenged to integrate their faith into every aspect of their lives. To be successful in these courses, students should have a strong background in the subject material and be prepared to focus on developing a variety of thinking skills. These courses are available in a full-year or semester format. In addition to the spiritual benefits, these courses prepare students to successfully write the provincial diploma exams. All ED 2000 courses are available online in Lotus Notes or in a consumable workbook format as correspondence courses. Students may choose to work in either format; the workbook format does require greater student involvement in scheduling and timetabling to ensure success.

Knowledge & Employability

The Knowledge and Employability program (K & E), is intended to provide students with opportunities to experience success and become well prepared for employment, further studies, active citizenship and lifelong learning. K & E courses prepare students to:

- earn a senior high school credential (Certificate of High School Achievement*)
- enter the workplace with employability and occupational skills that meet industry standards
- make successful transitions to other courses and/or further education and training

Students entering the K & E Program have usually had limited success in Junior High and have not met the requirements to enter the diploma program. **K & E courses are not designed for students with special education needs.** Students who do not meet the enrolment criteria for K & E courses may be better served by registering in courses that are more closely aligned with their specific learning needs. Students who successfully complete the K & E Program are able to gain employment in a number of entry level positions. Upgrading is encouraged so that students may also complete the requirements for a High School Diploma or to meet the requirements to enter post-secondary institutions or apprenticeship training.

Special Needs Services

In keeping with our mission statement, Argyll Centre strives to meet the needs of families whose children struggle with the regular curriculum. Students are identified, monitored and supported through teacher and parent initiatives. An Individual Program Plan (IPP) is created for students that meet Edmonton Public Schools' special needs eligibility criteria. Through diverse programming strategies, students are challenged to achieve at their individual levels. Depending on the level and in consultation with parents and support services, adaptations and modifications are made to student programs.