

Calgary Board of Education Area III Science Expression of Interest

Report of Findings
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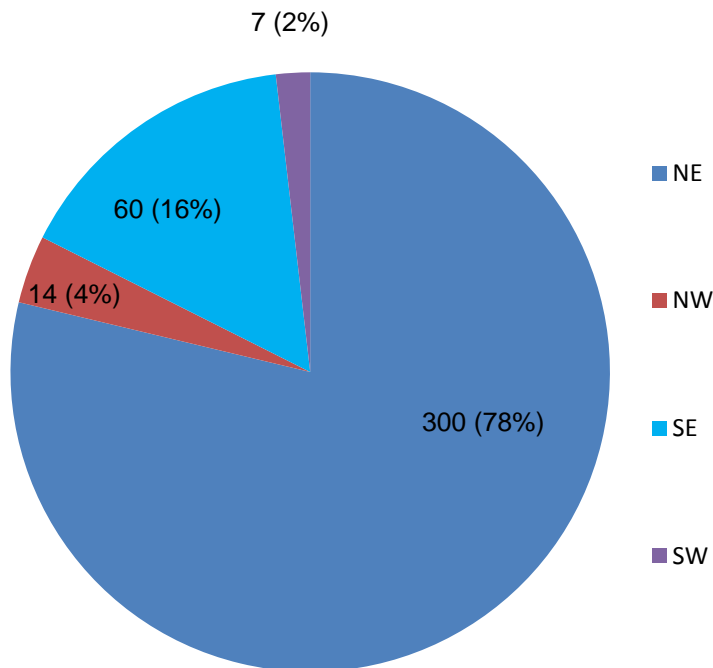
Background

- ❖ To determine if it might be possible to offer a Science Program at Valley View School and Ian Bazalgette School in future, the CBE hosted information sessions on Jan. 24 and 25, 2017 and made an online survey available to parents Dec. 16, 2016 – Feb. 1, 2017. Session participants were also able to complete the survey in writing.
- ❖ This report summarizes the interest expressed through these opportunities.
- ❖ This survey was completed by a total of 384 people: 330 people online and an additional 54 people who filled it out at the Jan. 24 and Jan. 25 open houses.

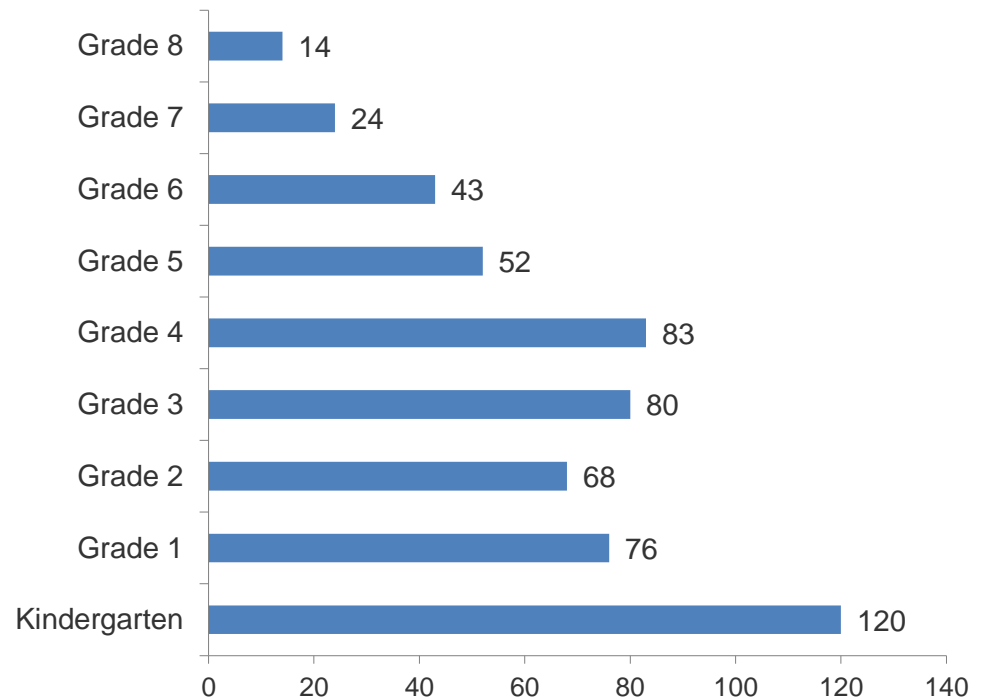
About the Participants

Respondent Profile

Please select the part of the city in which you live.
Answered: 381



Grades of children (answered by 368):



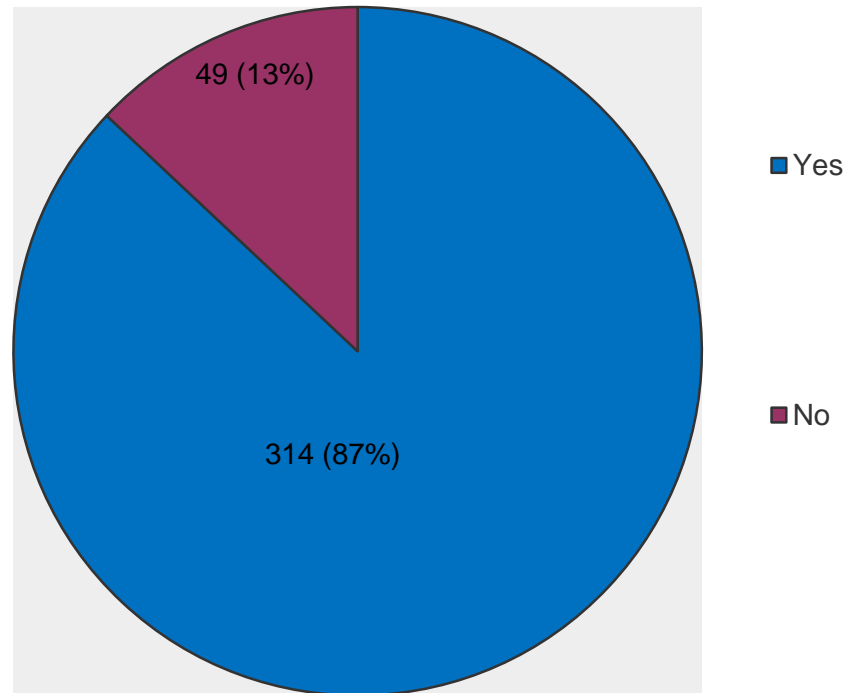
Main Findings

Valley View School

Interest in Attending in 2017-18

If it was offered, would you register your children in the Science Program at Valley View School for the 2017-18 year?

Answered: 363

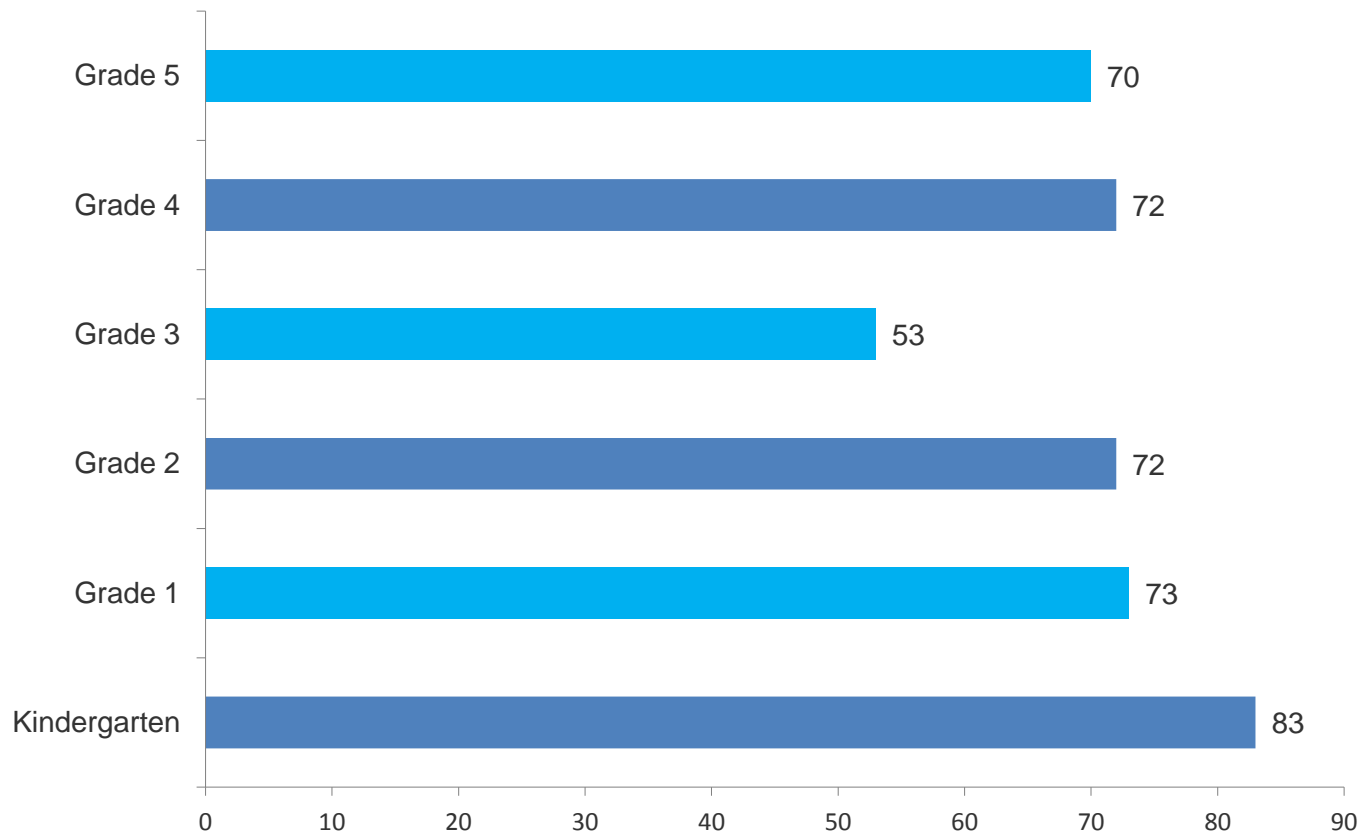


Valley View School

Grades of Interest for 2017-18

Please indicate the grades you would register your children in for the Science Program at Valley View School (K-5) for the 2017-18 school year?

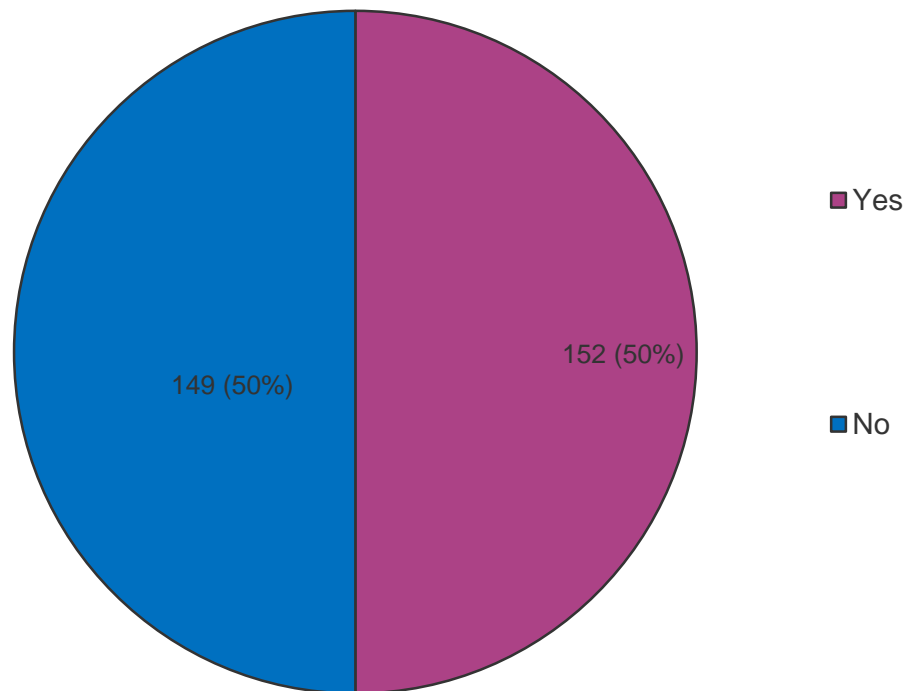
Answered: 304



Ian Bazalgette School Interest in Attending in 2017-18

If it was offered, would you register your children in the Science Program at Ian Bazalgette School for the 2017-18 year?

Answered: 301

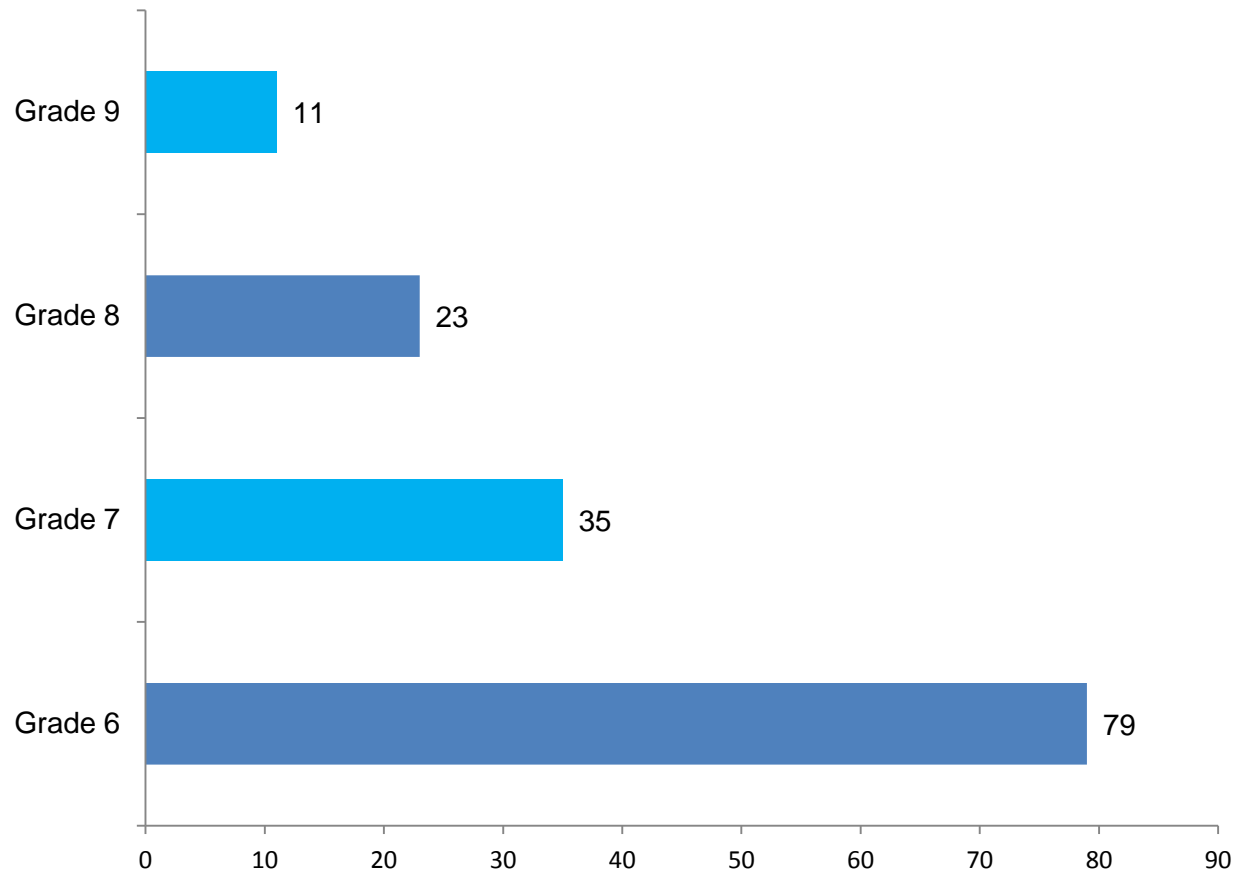


Ian Bazalgette School

Grades of Interest for 2017-18

Please indicate the grades you would register your children in for the Science Program at Ian Bazalgette School for the 2017-18 school year?

Answered: 154



Valley View & Ian Bazalgette Interest for Future

How many of your children would you expect to attend the Science Program at Valley View School in future years (after 2017-18)?

Answered: 336 people

477 students

How many of your children would you expect to attend the Science Program at Ian Bazalgette School in future years (after 2017-18)?

Answered: 299 answered

403 students



Survey Comments

- ❖ Verbatim comments provided on the survey are included on the following pages. Comments have been edited to ensure anonymity. We also edited or omitted abusive, discriminatory and otherwise inappropriate comments.



Area III Science Expression of Interest Survey Comments (Online and Written) Compiled Feb. 6, 2017

Below you will find all comments provided in the survey as they were written. Comments have been edited to ensure anonymity. We also edited or omitted abusive, discriminatory and otherwise inappropriate comments.

- During the open house, we realized that the number of students that are skilled in math and science would lose a chance to utilize and improve their skills because Langevin school does not have enough space to accept all skilled students.
- 3rd child is now 2.5 years, he will join the other siblings in his relative school year
- I am very much interested in having my child attend the school. Please contact me on your decisions.
- We have never been able to get into Langevin so would like an opportunity at this new school
- I would LOVE to have this option so close to home
- There need to be more options for families and less long, long wait lists.
- We have just two kids going in grade one and kindergarten. our son loves science so much and he loves asking the questions about nature.we think that he is smart and intelligent so we wish for both of our kids to study in science programme.
- It will be great if you really open a new science school in this area 3 for 2017-2018.....
- I would like my child to attend Ian Bazalgette in the future for grade 6-9
- we are very much interested in this program for our kids
- Adding a new science school is important. The program is fantastic. I've been trying to get my son in since kindergarten but due to zoning have not been able to. Would love to have a school like that within our district limits.
- Have heard excellent things about the program at Langevin and quite excited that the program might open up in our neighborhood.
- "I have attended Science school orientation and I am very much interested in putting my kid to Science school program
- We currently have only Langavin science school in NE and seats are very limited mainly for Bridgeland residents.
- I would request to start Science program at Valley view school so that other kids in NE area get chance to put their kids in Science School program
- I am confident that you will easily get enough interests to start science school program at Valley view school for kindergarten this year based on hugh no.of parents attended Science school program orientation

- Science program will allow kids to show that they can take initiatives , they are adaptable to various learning environments. It will also provide them change to participate in off site field study
- I would want my child to attend Langevin's Science Program, and would hope that the introduction of the Science Program at Valley View, and at Ian Bazalgette would reduce numbers at Langevin, so it will be easier to register them in it. (We live west of Deerfoot, in-between Memorial and 16th Ave.) Langevin would be not considered our community school for Kindergarten.



- Science programming would be beneficial to help bridge any gender reinforcement gaps that a traditional public school doesn't have time to cover off.
- My child is very much interested in science and he like to learn science lots
- "We will not attend because we are not in the area. But if this school opens, I assume spots at Langevin will open so my kids can attend there. We live in Panorama Hills.
- I have heard that students would not be forced to leave Langevin if they are in Area 3 to attend the new schools. I am totally opposed to this after waiting 6 years for a spot in a Science School for two kids. I also know that for the many new schools that opened in CBE this school year (in Tuscany and Panorama for example), students were forced to leave to go to the new designated school. I don't see why the rules should be any different for students at this program if a school offering the same service opens in their neighbourhood. Otherwise, those who have been waiting years and years will not get an opportunity to attend, only new kindergarteners will benefit. Also the entire system would be paying to bus them farther away than needed."
- A science program is critical for children in this age where competitiveness and creativity in science and technology is driving economies and businesses. Please for the sake of Canada and the future open the programs.
- No
- Science Program should be offered in more schools.
- We are trying to get placement in Langevin however it is unlikely. Valley View School is very close to our home.
- these 2 schools are at the south boundry of area III , it will be great if you can work on having schools somehow in the center of Area III (i.e. around 16th Ave)
- We live in Mayland heights which does get designated to valleyview however, we are in distance and time, much c,observed to langevin. With this in mind, the new school would not benefit us in that half our children would be expected to attend the new campus which is quite a bit further away from langevin, and as well on a different modified calendar. Moreover, our child has already built relationships and community (as have we as parents) and it would be unfortunate to make students in a family be split up, or have to move our child currently attending langevin to another campus. I would like this to be addressed - perhaps to let parents know what will be happening to those families already enrolled at langevin, and living in the communities that would be designated to valley view.
- We are located in Inglewood. Literally right between Valleyview and Langevin School. Langevin would technically be our district school; however, with being told our prospects are essentially 0.0001% chances of getting into that school, we would be happy to transport our children to Valleyview as it is very close to Inglewood.
- Thanks so much for having more science programs . We really looking forward for more schools like this is NE community for better education
- Our child currently in Ernest Morrow school shows real interest in Science and willing to learn more in this specific topic
- We need more Science Schools in NE communities. Here population growth is more than any other zones and communities of Calgary.
- If our child was accepted into the Science School we would move to a nearby school to accommodate her.
- Before fully committing to the school we would like to meet the teachers and learn more about the program, like we were able to do at Langevin."
- "Sir/mom, I'm a single parent with one son. Want to do something best for him in his education. Having hard time to join your school in any location. Thanks"



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- I really hope that the new Science schools will be opened for school year 2017-2018. My son is very much interested and I believe a Science school would be best for him. He is a very curious kid. Even his class advisor thinks it is best for him to go to a Science. We were just at Langevine this evening (Jan. 26, 2017) for an open house and there are a lot of applicants. There is a good number of us who live outside the area and are at category 6 for the lottery. Chances for my son to get picked is very slim as we are at the very last category.
- We have applied to Langevin for 2 years and still don't have a chance in the Langevin program this year
- we are looking forward to this program
- It's very frustrating to see if a child goes in based on lottery system I wish there were more locations for this school so every kid could go if they wanted too.
- The Langevin is the only school for North Calgary. This is a much needed school for area III. At least should be started for K-5 irrespective of number of kids, and it will be sooner full in coming years.
- We are very interested in enrolling our child in science school.
- Science program is in high demand for the student for NE community.
- This end of the city really needs a science school, the interest is very high among all of my neighbours and kids friends
- Do you have transportation facilities to your school during this course?
- My son is very interested in science and he would greatly benefit from this program
- None
- Looking forward for a science school near Taradale/ Saddle Ridge.
- My second child is only 2 years old, but would like to see her attend the science program as well.
- "I think it would be great for students to learn science at the early stage of their life.
- I have marked no for Ian Bazalgette School (Grades 6-9) for the 2017-18 year because my child can attend Grade 6 in 2018-19 and will be happy to get admission in 2018-19."
- I think it's a great initiative as well as an opportunity for kids to explore their interests and to do what they like to do.
- We live at Valley View estate walking distance from school
- We highly recommend science school for this area and I would definitely send my kids.
- Langevin School does not have bus route for Martindale. I would be willing to have my child attend any school with this program as long as there is a bus service
- This will give kids an opportunity who has more interest in science program.
- Thank you for the possibility of having my son in a science program.
- If registration with this new school is the same as the registration with the current Science program school at Langevin, is that a lottery pick....even for siblings already attending the school. I understand why that is but I would like to see it changed so that way siblings are guaranteed a spot.
- Hi it's a very good initiative my both boys especially the elder one is very very interested in science I would love to register them in science school and I would suggest opening some science school in SW so it's more close to home option
- Need bussing options
- Will there be bussing for Rundlehorn area child
- I am a doctor who was very much into electronics, mechanical engineering and physics, the only option for this in Canada is the science program, so I am requesting you very humbly to open up more science schools so more kids can get in as this is a completely different way of learning.
- It's really good initiative. hopefully it will start soon. good luck



- would like the program to be available for all students from k-9 to have access to the program from time implemented into the foreseeable future if they are interested. subsidies in place for those who wish to participate but can not afford to do so.
- I feel that it is very important to offer such programming in area 3. The wait list for already existing science programs is unrealistic and not very CBE geared (according to the equality for education and mission statement that the CBE represents).
- quality of education is really important for our kids and every children have to have chance to receive it equally no matter where they live so please consider to offer science program at valley view and Ian Bazalgette school. hopefully our children will change their future better and better.
- We would not choose to send our kids to school in the Dover area.
- The Science Program is a great idea and is highly appreciated.
- My elder son is very much interested in science subjects. He has eagerness to know about animals, mammals, species, evolution, etc..
- Have you contacted any of the daycare or child care facilities in the area that may not know of your future plans, as they all have children that are coming of age
- It's very hard to get the admission at Langevin school and my kid is really interested in science. If we don't get the admission then it would be killing child interest
- No thanks
- It would be great to start Science program from Grade 1 or earlier than Grade 6.
- the program should be modeled on that of Langevin school. my son attended the science program there from grades 6-9 and we were very happy with schooling there. so i wish my younger daughter gets the same opportunity as well.
- We are really interested in science program!
- This program helps in quenching the thirst of knowledge for those kids who want to explore the world with the questions in their mind.
- Science schools should be increased they follow good approach in teaching and training their students
- As for growing demands of parents for alternative school programmes, their number may be exceeded especially in area like NE as it has most of the new immigrants from resource poor countries who need this alternative programmes desperately for making their kids future in Canada.
- I live in Coventry hills. It's not on the list, but it's by skyview ranch so I'm assuming this would be the correct school. My son is very interested and has been for a couple of years, but before switching his schools I wanted to be sure he was committed to wanting to go to the Science program.
- We are most definitely interested in having our children be a part of the Science Program, but at Langevin as this would still be our designated school (and is more convenient for us). We are currently on the waitlist and if the 2 new locations opened up for the Science Program this hopefully increases our chances of us being able to attend Langevin.
- We enrolled our daughter into Belfast because of the technology aspect but find it is more art focused. A Science and technology program would be ideal in younger grades to prepare for High School where the opportunity for technology is offered.
- I feel that if school has school uniform & homework system then it would be additional positive points
- I think this program is very beneficial to the students as it allows them to learn science. Also, allows them to develop their skills in scientific research.
- Uniform and Homework should be compulsory for each student in the school.
- I want my kids to be in the science program but I would like it to be offered in the NE



- Would love to see if the Science Program open in other N.E area like than Forest Lawn area.
- I would prefer to keep my child in Langevin and have my 2nd child go to Langevin as well
- My children always interesting in science school. We have tried enrolled at Langevin science school last two years, but rejected both two times.
- Great idea, it is a popular program
- We as a parents are interested our child to be attending science schools and it is of high interest especially in NE part of the city where science programs are not much and long await for us.
- We love to send our kids to science program due to my kids similar interests. Need of more special program school required in ne communities due to its demand.
- It would be our great achievement, if my boy got admission in Science school
- Need more science schools
- my kids like science and wants to explore more knowledge about it so we are interested.
- Parents, whose children are currently at the Langevin Science School, and have been since kindergarten, have invested both time and money in the form of donations, fun raising and volunteering to see this school grow, modernize and continue to succeed. These children have also become part of this community. It does not make sense to uproot the student population currently attending the Langevin Science School who live East of Deerfoot Trail and North of Paegan Trail and move them to a different Science School. What message are you sending? That being part of a community is conditionally important? And what is a fair explanation to parents that have invested time and money into the current school for the past 7 years? I agree that the current science alternative program needs to be expanded. I strongly disagree, however, to having the current students at Langevin School uprooted and sent to a different school just because of the Geographic location of their residences. Allow them to complete their Junior high at the current school.
- I want my daughter to be exposed to Science program from beginning of her career
- This is good if we have Science School in NE
- We need science program
- As my son has already been at Langevin for the past 8 years, he thinks of Bridgeland as his community and has seen the school grow. We are not in favour of moving existing students to the new location. Parents of children already in the program should be given the opportunity to choose if they would like to move their children or have them remain in their current school.
- We are very excited about this possible new program. Out In NE, it is super hard to get our kid enrolled in science program school.
- Would like to know the hours of operation and when are the schools looking to be opened.
- Please make sure to add new communities from NE area too, so that they can be considered for Bus stop as well.
- If the Science Program opens in Valley View School and Ian Bazalgette School it would be great news.
- my kid had lots of intrest in science so i love to enroll him in this programme
- School bus service should be good.
- Need more science school in Calgary so that interested Kids have access to Science subjects
- We really appreciate my kids learning extra class
- My community is not in the zone
- Only one child going to grade 1 next year. So can not register at Ian Bazalgette.
- I think this is a great program. Kids love to learn in different ways and new environments.
- It would be highly requested that CBE offer this type of program at Saddle ridge school too. It would be advantageous to have at this school rather than different. I would recommend CBE



should start more programs such as math, and computer. Children who will build foundation at this stage of their life, will get great understanding when they will move in higher/ advance level classes.

- "We might need proper bus service from our community, (Savanna) which is a brand new community beside Saddleridge "
- please do this conversion. It would be a great benefit to our family, we are already applying to get into Langevin Science School and Valley View (and Ian Baz) are only a few blocks away.
- We want a new school to be opened soon
- I am frustrated that we will be forced to change schools. She loves her school. I don't prefer the modified calendar and I like the fact that Langevin is from K - 9. Both schools are almost equal distance from our house (Langevin and Valley View).
- no science program in Rundle
- My son has been asking to go to a science school. We never thought it would be a possibility.
- No
- I am very interested in science program. I tried last year Langevin School for my daughter but unfortunately there was no chance.
- Would the curriculum be the same as Langevin as one of my kids may transfer (would like to have both kids in one school)
- Nothing especial
- It will be nice if the school considers sibling as priority
- If bus service be offered in my locality then only I will consider this option.
- Do you know what there is a lot of our families and friends wanted their kids to be in science program but there is no school where we live. So parents we desperately need a science program for Saddleridge area.
- Would the school have homework ??
- Interested to find out more about busing options...
- Looking forward to the offering of this program. Long awaited by many parents I know. Thank you!
- Kids have more interest in science
- We would be very interested if it was a traditional calendar and in French immersion
- This is a necessary program and much overdue. We are hopeful the teachers are properly trained to handle it.
- We are just out of the zone stated for these two schools. However, we live just west of Deerfoot Trail, making Valley View and Ian Bazalgette viable as Science schools for our kids. Getting into Langevin's science program is REALLY difficult.
- I would like to know that could my kids get an opportunity to be in Science program along with Late French Immersion program
- There is a huge demand for a science program. I attended one open house science program in downtown school. Many people attended and there are only few spaces in that school. We request CBE board to open science programs in all quadrants of the city. I am sure there is lot more demand than the spaces available. Hundreds of people attended that open house and every parent showed interest in that program.
- I would be more than happy to get my kids enrolled in a Science program. It would be a great learning opportunity for both my kids. I am really really looking forward to this great development.
- "There is not enough advertisement for this Engagement...You should consider placing bold signs on major routes and near schools in Area III.
- If you don't have enough to run both schools you must consider opening one this year and extending the opportunity to south of Pegan Trail to increase numbers."



- this would be great if you could offer it at ernest morrow. Travel and costs associated to my children going to ian bazelgatte would be to high for me to commit them to the program.
- I'm unclear if this is an after school program or if it would be weekends or if the kids would be going over during the day on a school bus ?
- "Thanks for sending us this survey.
- Our kids are interested in science activities and hoping that if they get chance to get inn they would be benefitted for sure.
- N/A
- "It is a welcome development, which we have been waiting for especially for erinwoods and dover area.
- All other schools e.g charters schools our kids dont get in at all due to the lottery process. At least this is closer to us , so we have a higher chances of our students getting in. thank you."
- N/A
- We were trying to get our children to Science Program at Langevin School, but were not accepted. CBE needs more school with Science Program. One should be in NE Calgary.
- CBE needs to introduced more of alternative programs related to latest technologies.
- I would love for this to be available to us
- My Children already attend the Langevin Science Alternative program in Bridgeland. I know alot of parents who also live in NW want their children to attend the Science program
- I would like to see both schools continue, as Langevin currently does, to use the Formative Assessment Method. If this were not the case it would very likely change my decision to move my children
- My Kids love science!
- interested in science program
- "I do not like the modified calendar we have forced on us in this area. I hate that my kids will be on different calendars all but 3 years of their education as elementary is traditional - middle school is modified- and high school is traditional. I hate that as a community member who chose to live in a diverse community I feel we may have to move to a more homogenous part of the city so my kids can have the same calendar while in school. Huge stressor to families when highschool siblings not available for after school child care
- Are there opportunities for special need children to get enrolled in science program?
- science is very important for my grandson to learn more about in school
- For the area we currently reside in (Applewood). I find it very difficult to register for a specified programs (ie. Traditional Learning, Subject Matter, etc.). I feel very limited in the schools that I can send my children to, as there are not many options for our area; and if there are, it is very rare that we are drawn for the lottery.
- My son is a smart kid and I think his full potential isn't used at school for learning .
- We would not send our children to these schools
- It will be helpful to run the program in the current school (taradale)
- Ready to register today, immediatly
- I want all 3 kids attending Langevin until grade 9. We are concerned about space for our Kindergartener next year. We are in favour of expanding the Science Program
- Only 1 of my 3 children would be the correct fit for a science program. The other 2 are more artistic and would benefit more from a traditional program.
- timings should be same for both schools and transportation should be provided.
- We stay in Rundle, Can we join him to this school?
- I AM SUPER EXCITED ABOUT THIS. I WOULD ENROLL EVERYONE IF I COULD.
- I am very interested in the Science Program at Valley View School. I am hesitant, however, because my son is currently in French Immersion. I still want him to learn French. However,



he is struggling in French Immersion, so I am considering the Science Program at Valley View school.

- Too little too late. We spent 2 years fighting for a space at the Langevin school, but we are now settled in the French immersion program at Mayland. Hoping that the Science Program gets approved (those of us in Calgary East should be given the same educational opportunities as those in other areas! That's why it's called Public Educaiton), we may look at transferring out of French and into Science for Middle School.
- It has been very challenging to place an eligible child in the Science program because of the limited number of schools offering the program. It is difficult for a child to reach his / her full potential if placed in the wrong environment / program. Hopefully, with this initiative and many more in the near future, a child can be placed in their areas of interest which would help them succeed and flourish.
- We were planning on aplying for a science school for next year. This would be amazing and a great opportunity for our children!
- We just need to know if there's a school bus to ride of the kids. Because it's too far from taradale..
- I think there should be uniform too and also if possible open one in the northeast community
- none.
- I would prefer to have science program at CBE Saddle Ridge School. Why CBE is offering at different school rather than this. Why do children have to travel that far if school is at walking distance.
- My child is currently only 2, but would love to pursue the opportunity to attend a Science Program in the future. With more schools offering this type of programming, there may be more spots available for my child to attend without having to hope for a lottery spot.
- My child will be starting kindergarten in 2017-2018 and hoping that Science program starts at Valley view school
- It is a great opportunity for the kids to join a school that offers science program. My daughter is inquisitive and curious about all the things pertaining to our existence, as well as about Astro Physics.
- We are living at Penbrooke Meadows. Don't know if there's bus coming in this area.
- My son is a gifted student at his current school. He is very interested in study in a science program. If there will be a science program open, we'd like to apply.
- More notice needs to be given to parents of Ian Bazalgette about this.
- My eldest child attended Langevin School and benefitted a lot from it.
- This would be an amazing opportunity for children in the area. Looking forward to volunteering.
- I think that this is an absolutely fantastic opportunity for children. I can't wait to be a part of it.
- A year ago I applied to Langevin School where my son really wanted go, because he has his cousins in that school and they talk about the school, field trip and the activities they offered. My son really wanted to join that school but unfortunately he didn't picked. I would love to have science school in our area so we can encourage, put kids to their desired school.
- These program are really essential for the kids who can demonstrate extra skills. Some kids need extra, in-depth education in their interested field and my this child has the skills which are really compatible for the science school.
- No uniforms unless you make it mandatory for the TLC and science-focused; you will be creating a barrier and possible competition between the two programs.
- Really good efforts to learn about nature.
- I am very keen to send my kids to attend science school.
- Really interesting in science programs. My daughter likes.



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- We have registered for the Langevin School for two years now. We really think our son is a great fit for a science program.
- My kids are currently in the TLC and we are seriously considering science.