



# SPACE for STUDENTS

## Airdrie Urgently Needs More Schools



Growing Population



Rising Enrolment



Need for Schools

2002 to 2022

**243%\***



### In Comparison

Calgary  
**52%\***

Lethbridge  
**48%\***

Medicine Hat  
**23%\***

Red Deer  
**45%\***

St. Albert  
**27%\***

\*Source: Government of Alberta

by 2028

**10,151**

K – 8 students

**9,686**

K – 8 student spaces

=

**465**

more students than spaces



by 2028

**5,205**

high school students

**3,725**

high school student spaces

=

**1,480**

more students than spaces

**350 – 500**

new students each year, enough to fill a new school every two years

**2014**

last Airdrie high school opened



### Airdrie Three-Year Capital Plan Priorities:

Kindergarten – Grade 8

High school

Kindergarten – Grade 8

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## Airdrie's high schools are already full.

**110%**

current utilization rate of all Airdrie high schools (2023/24)

**139%**

utilization of all Airdrie high schools by 2028 if no new high schools open

### Rising Utilization

	2023		2028
Bert Church High School	107%	→	113%
George McDougall High School	103%	→	123%
W.H. Croxford High School	119%	→	180%

**Airdrie** is the **fastest growing city** in Alberta and will become the **third largest city** in the province by 2033.\*



\* ATB Financial

Once the provincial government approves a new school or an addition, it takes three to four years to plan and build.

**2026**

earliest a new K – 8 school could open in Airdrie

**2028**

earliest a new high school could open in Airdrie

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