



**GRANDE**  
prairie  
CANADA

With four distinct seasons and a wide range of geographical features, Grande Prairie offers endless opportunities for outdoor recreation and adventure!

From cross country and downhill skiing to natural walking and running trails there's something for everyone to enjoy!

Grande Prairie also had world class museums, art galleries, shopping and theatres which round out its cultural offerings.



## WORLD CLASS CURRICULUM

Students have access to Alberta's outstanding science, math, and humanities curriculum which have prepared our students for wherever their journey's take them.

Students who qualify may obtain university credits around the world through our high school International Baccalaureate (IB) program.

International students receive support in English Language Learning (ELL) that are appropriate to their needs. Our international students quickly improve their English skills from classroom activities and from speaking with new friends.



*"I had a lot of fun at the Composite High School! It was fresh for me to pick up the subjects which I'd like to take. And both teachers and students were really friendly and kind! I could make friends easily!"*

— Yu from Japan



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**Canada Homestay Network**  
*Incorporating Canada Homestay International*  
Serving Canada from Coast to Coast

Students in our International Education Program can access housing through our partners at Canada Homestay International. All host families are carefully selected to ensure the enjoyment and safety for International Students in Grande Prairie.

Our host families look forward to sharing their homes and the region with their international guests.

**To find out more visit:**  
[www.canadahomestayinternational.com](http://www.canadahomestayinternational.com)



# BUILDING BRIDGES ACROSS THE WORLD

GRANDE PRAIRIE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT — INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

[WWW.GPPSD.AB.CA](http://WWW.GPPSD.AB.CA)





*"Welcome from Grande Prairie Public School Board. We are one of the fastest growing school divisions in Alberta and we pride ourselves in offering personalized individual supports to our learners."*

*We believe our success is the achievement of seeing all students succeed. We are committed to supporting all of our students, families, staff, and community through purposeful engagement, quality instruction, effective leadership, and collaborative practices. Our families keep us humble in their praise for Grande Prairie Public. We hope you consider joining this wonderful school system and community we call home."*

— Carol Ann McDonald, Superintendent

## WELCOME TO GRANDE PRAIRIE

Grande Prairie Public School District, with 15 schools, is one of the newest International Education programs in Canada.

Our District is committed to providing international students with an outstanding experience in a small urban setting surrounded by forests, foothills, and mountains to the West and beautiful prairie landscapes to the North and East providing ample opportunity to explore the wonders of Canada.

Grande Prairie has a young and vibrant population with a thriving economy supported by forestry, agriculture, oil and gas.



## WHY GRANDE PRAIRIE?

Grande Prairie Public Schools are accredited by the Government of Alberta Ministry of Education and are led by qualified teachers and administrators. Small class sizes, numerous support services and access to technology make for the best possible learning environment.

## PROGRAMME FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ASSESSMENT CHART 2012 RESULTS

GROUP	ALBERTA RELATIVE TO INTERNATIONAL AVERAGE	ALBERTA RELATIVE TO CANADA OVERALL	COUNTRIES/PROVINCES WITH RESULTS SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER THAN ALBERTA
MATHEMATICS	+	=	10 (Shanghai-China, Hong Kong, Singapore, Chinese Taipei, Korea, Macao-China, Japan, Liechtenstein, Switzerland, and Quebec)
READING	+	=	4 (Shanghai-China, Hong Kong, Singapore and Japan)
SCIENCE	+	+	3 (Shanghai-China, Hong Kong, Singapore)

+ Alberta results significantly higher than overall national/international average results  
= Alberta results not significantly different than the overall national average/international average results

## GRANDE PRAIRIE IS...

...2 hours by car away from the beautiful Rocky Mountains

...4.5 hours by car away from the City of Edmonton, home of the world famous West Edmonton Mall

...8 hours by car away from the City of Calgary, home of the Calgary Stampede

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA



GRANDE PRAIRIE, ALBERTA



## INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM

The International Education Program facilitates the enrollment and support of international students in Grande Prairie Public Schools.

While receiving support in English Language Learning (ELL), International students are integrated into a traditional Canadian school environment.



## WORLD CLASS CURRICULUM

Some courses available are:

**Fine Arts:** Art, Choir, Orchestra, Wind Ensemble, Drama and Film Studies

**Languages:** French, Spanish, German and Latin courses and Japanese and Mandarin clubs.

**Business:** Law, Finance, Business and Marketing

**Communications:** Photography, Commercial Layout, and Video Editing

**Computer Tech:** Certification courses in CompTIA A+, Network+, Security + and Server+, with other courses including Robotics.

**Health and Fitness:** Outdoor Education, Fitness, and Physical Education



THE GRANDE PRAIRIE AIRPORT MAKES IT EASY AND CONVENIENT TO TRAVEL TO AND FROM GRANDE PRAIRIE YEAR ROUND!