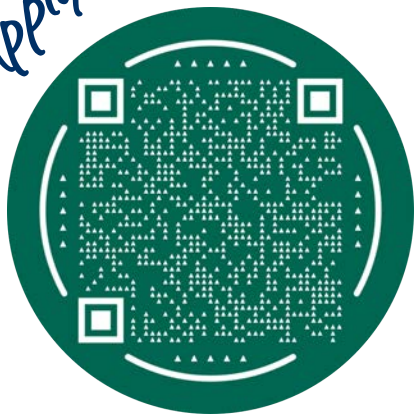




SAY *Yes* TO
STRATHCONA-TWEEDSMUIR SCHOOL



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...and flourish 

- 220-acre campus
- K-12 IB World School
- 90+ co-curriculars
- 30+ sports teams
- 100% post-secondary acceptance
- 100% community service participation
- **ST&** hybrid learning

1 BOLD FUTURE

In a rapidly changing world, Strathcona-Tweedsmuir School embraces our foundational trailblazing spirit, striking a bold path forward.

While future-focused, Strathcona-Tweedsmuir School (STS) remains committed to our core legacy of developing good humans, thought-leaders, and global citizens above all else. The real-world learning experiences that have set the School apart will continue to be foundational while we embrace the opportunities that our campus and the broader world provide.

STS welcomes new students in Kindergarten to Grade 12. Our ideal student is ready and willing to tackle new challenges academically, physically, and personally. They understand that life is full of opportunity, new discoveries are born from mistakes, adventure favours the inquisitive, and becoming a successful, well-rounded citizen requires courage, discipline, and a desire to celebrate difference. We expect the best from our students, and in turn, we offer our best to you.

We are committed to making an STS education accessible to as many families as possible and offer more than \$500,000 in financial assistance each year to remove financial barriers for great students.

STS's motto: Nil nisi optimum (nothing but our best)

2 DEEP LEARNING AND ENGAGEMENT

STS is the only K-12 International Baccalaureate (IB) World School in Calgary, Alberta.

Our students achieve academic excellence within the IB Framework and through the Alberta Program of Studies, with a focus on developing: human-centred design thinking, character, citizenship, collaboration, communication, creativity, service through action, computation, critical thinking, and leadership.

We offer a living curriculum where students engage with curiosity and are inspired and empowered by their thoughts and actions to realize their full potential beyond the walls of their classroom. Our interdisciplinary approach to learning enables students to nurture their entrepreneurial spirit, gain comfort with ambiguity and agency, and learn from failure as change agents in a safe environment.

Our team of exceptional teachers, learning strategists, counsellors, and advisors works together to foster academic excellence and holistic well-being for every student. Small class sizes enable learners to deeply engage in curriculum and conversations with peers and educators.

STS's mission: a diverse community where students pursue lives of purpose, flourishing emotionally, physically and intellectually.

3 ENDURING SENSE OF COMMUNITY AND BELONGING

A strong sense of community is foundational to Strathcona-Tweedsmuir School's past, present and future.

The STS student experience is anchored to our vibrant community of more than 10,000 alumni, current families, and employees. From the moment you set foot on campus, you see a thriving, joyful, inclusive, and diverse community of belonging where we all look out for one another.

Connecting through meaningful relationships is integral to authentic learning. Great schools exist when there is a strong partnership between home, school, and our broader community and a shared priority for the well-being and educational success of all our students.

To complement our strong sense of community, STS's Student Services provides 'wrap-around' support to ensure every student has what they need to succeed and to feel a strong sense of belonging in our School community. From learning to be a friend in early elementary to choosing the right post-secondary, learners are mentored through each step of their STS journey.

STS's values: curiosity, creativity, respect, kindness, pluralism, humility, integrity, joy, excellence, and resiliency.

4 GLOBAL HUB IN A NATURAL SETTING

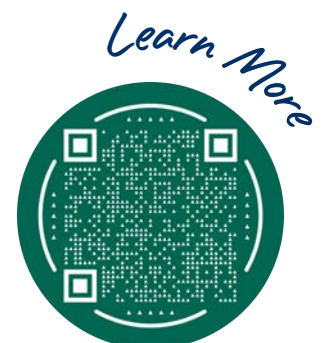
In a connected world, our roots matter, as does our ability to learn beyond borders.

STS provides an interconnected learning environment on our beautiful 220-acre campus and beyond to curate experiences vital to developing skills and competencies for a brighter future.

All year round, students learn, play, connect, and explore on our rural campus, minutes from Calgary, providing unique opportunities for growth and wellness that simply can't be found in other school environments.

International travel, service learning, innovative hybrid learning options, summer programming, and more than 90 co-curriculars allow our students to embody the global competencies they need to be successful and embrace possibility.

STS's vision: to inspire compassionate, curious, and creative global citizens who lead with courage.





Admission Deadlines

November 30, 2023: Early Decision deadline for Grades 2 to 12. We highly recommend submitting an early application to ensure your child's space at STS.

February 10, 2024: Regular Decision deadline for Kindergarten to Grade 12.

February 11, 2024: After this date, "rolling admission" begins.

Application Process

1. Online Application

The first step in entering Strathcona-Tweedsmuir School is to fill out the online application form. Once you submit your application form, our staff will guide you through your student's application checklist. [Apply Online](https://strathconatweedsmuir.schooladmin.ca/users/sign_in)
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2. Interview and Tour

After you submit your online application, our staff will contact you to arrange a personal visit to STS. This interview and tour will be personal to your family and each applicant. Applicants must be present.

3. Confidential School Reference Form

This is a reference from a current teacher, guidance counselor, Principal or someone who knows your child well. A phone call or letter can also be accepted by arranging this with the Enrollment office.

4. Most Recent Report Card from the Current School Year

5. Final Report Cards from the Two Previous School Years

6. Formal Assessments

- **Kindergarten to Grade 6** applicants will complete assessments during your scheduled personal tour and interview time.
- **Kindergarten and Grade 1** applicants will also visit campus in January during the same year they will begin at STS for a Group Assessment day.
- **Grades 7 to 12** applicants are required to complete the Secondary School Admission Test (SSAT). SSAT Dates for September, 2024 admission are:
 - **November 18, 2023**
 - **January 6, 2024**
 - **April 20, 2024**

7. Character Skills Snapshot

Grades 7-12 applicants are required to complete this short online assessment.



Scholarships and Bursaries

We are committed to making an STS education accessible to as many families as possible – we appreciate diversity and welcome all students who benefit most from our education.

STS Entry Scholarship Program

For new students entering Grade 5 to 12 - you can receive up to \$5,000 your first year at STS from the STS Entry Scholarship program. **Your STS Entry Scholarship application is due at the time of your application for admission to STS. Only new students to STS are eligible for STS Entry Scholarships.**

The Forever Woods Scholarships

The Forever Woods Endowment Fund supports three-year scholarships for students entering Grade 10 at STS in the form of the Forever Woods Scholarship. Scholarships are given to the top applicants who show both financial need and impeccable merit (academic, character and leadership). **New Grade 10 applicants must submit a Forever Woods Scholarship application with your application package before February 10.**

Bursaries

If a student is a great fit for STS, a bursary can make it possible to attend – regardless of family income. Need-based bursaries are offered to families who demonstrate a gap between their available income and the expected cost of an STS education.

How do I apply for a bursary?

First, visit [Apple Financial Services \(https://applefinancialservices.ca/\)](https://applefinancialservices.ca/) for Canadian Students. There, you'll find all the information you need and the complete application process. Bursary applications are due with your online application and are due on or before **February 14.**

Do you need additional information?

Contact the Enrollment Office at **403-938-8326** or email admissions@sts.ab.ca.



STRATHCONA-TWEEDSMUIR SCHOOL

20 questions to help you choose an independent school

Contact us to book a tour:

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Educational opportunities abound for those eyeing private schools. To help you set your child on the right path, we've taken a step back and compiled this objective list of questions you can use to evaluate each private school you're considering.

1. What type of student is the school focused on?

Some schools are known for fostering academic talent, while others blend academics with artistic and athletic pursuits.

2. Is the school all-boys, all-girls, or co-ed?

An all-boy or all-girl student body might provide fewer distractions, but learning in a co-ed environment could provide a stronger foundation for socializing and future relationships.

3. What is the school's average class size?

There's no consensus on the perfect class size, but some believe that student achievement can rise as class size drops, or with a tighter student to teacher ratio.

4. Is there anything that makes the school unique?

The programs offered and the amenities and facilities located on each school campus can vary wildly. Any number of these unique features could sway your decision.

5. Are there substantial after-school programs and activities?

Many schools provide extra-curricular programs that extend past the final school bell, giving students additional opportunities to socialize and learn new skills.

6. How does the school work to build character in students?

Some schools go out of their way to instill strong values and social responsibility in students, through organized programs, field trips, and class study.

7. Does the school follow a popular educational approach?

Alternative educational systems like Montessori, Waldorf, and Froebel take different approaches to a student's spiritual, physical, social, emotional, and cognitive development.

8. What is the school doing to foster good relationships?

Ask about any programs and policies that promote a more personal atmosphere, or that encourage students to connect with teachers and each other.

9. How does the school assess and provide support for individual students?

Every student can benefit from a degree of personal attention, and having their progress evaluated and supported, in addition to test scores and class grades.

10. How are learning differences addressed by the school?

For students who are overachieving or struggling, a school may offer alternate curriculums for students who learn differently, or at different speeds.

11. How does the school engage parents during the school year?

Find out how each prospective school keeps parents engaged and makes school activities and student progress visible from the outside.

12. Does the school provide travel opportunities?

Schools often create opportunities for field trips, study abroad programs, and international homestays, as part of their curricular or extracurricular offerings.

13. Does the school offer foreign language instruction?

A foreign language learned and practiced during the elementary and high school years can be a great personal and career asset to students later in life.

14. Does the school offer athletic programs, or have athletic requirements?

Some schools emphasize parallel development of athletics and academics, while others offer a broad range of sports programs for students to enjoy when they aren't in a classroom.

15. Do the school's teams compete in leagues outside of the school?

Schools with internal sports teams and leagues may also participate in inter-school competitions citywide or nationwide, offering additional opportunities for travel and personal development.

16. Are there arts programs at the school, and are they mandatory?

The right school for your child may be the one that can foster your child's interests or demonstrated talents in music, drama, fine art, or writing.

17. Does the school provide post-secondary guidance?

Ask if the school you're considering provides advice and support to students considering different colleges and universities for the next stage of their educational journey.

18. Is the school accredited?

Accreditation assures you that the school is accountable for meeting and maintaining certain quality standards set by an external organization.

19. When you visit the campus, does the environment feel like a good fit?

Touring a campus during a regular school day lets you see how students and teachers conduct themselves and treat each other, inside and outside of the classrooms.

20. What is the school's relationship with its alumni?

A strong and active alumni network is a testament to the positive experiences of former students, and may create unique opportunities for students after they graduate.