



Introduction to Concordia High School

Concordia High School is a fully accredited university preparatory school operated by Lutheran Church-Canada on the campus of Concordia University College of Alberta. The campus overlooks the North Saskatchewan River in the historic Edmonton community of Highlands.

Concordia Offers:

- **A challenging academic program.** Concordia High School offers the academic stream courses required by Canadian universities for admission to their programs. In addition, a complement of fine arts courses and electives help students to build a rounded program that will prepare them for future education, employment and everyday living.
 - **Fine Arts.** All students are encouraged to include a variety of fine arts courses in their timetables. Extracurricular opportunities are available in the performing arts and students can arrange private lessons on or off campus.
 - **Sports and Recreation.** Concordia offers opportunities for involvement in interscholastic volleyball, basketball, badminton and golf. Concordia's proximity to Rexall Place, the Commonwealth Stadium and downtown Edmonton gives resident students unparalleled options for recreation and entertainment.
 - **Student Organizations.** A variety of student organizations allow our students to develop their interests and abilities. These include Student Council, Yearbook, Missions and Service Club, and other organizations that change from year to year depending on student interest and faculty leadership.
- A Residence Program.** The dormitories provide the convenience of living on campus in a supervised residential setting. Students requesting dormitory accommodations **must contact Residence Office directly:** <http://residence.concordia.ab.ca/highschool/> or (780) 479-9349.
- **Spiritual Growth.** The Christian faith lies in the heart of Concordia's mission statement. While this faith is integrated into the daily activities, our students are also challenged to grow spiritually through the school's Religious Studies curriculum, and through the bi-weekly chapel devotions.

Our Mission:

It is the mission of Concordia High School to offer a quality education in a Christian context while sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ, aiding students to develop a sense of vocation and preparing them for leadership in the world.

Our Values and Vision:

- Concordia, in keeping with its mission, values:
- the Gospel of Jesus Christ as the cornerstone of all its endeavours;
 - the uniqueness, the potential, the integrity, and the well-being of every student it serves;
 - the heritage of its liberating and enriching Lutheran tradition;
 - the importance of providing instruction in those areas, which support our academic and Christian mission;
 - the promotion of teaching excellence in a caring atmosphere;
 - the opportunity for all to grow spiritually and to become enriched in their understanding and appreciation of the Christian faith;
 - the opportunity for students to establish and nurture lifelong friendships;
 - the importance of encouraging all to use their knowledge and skills for the benefit of others in the community at large.

- Concordia High School confidently looks to the future by committing itself to:
- the highest standards of excellence in education, spiritual care, and service;
 - the goal of integrating the Christian faith with every program, activity, and service;
 - the ongoing improvement of the safety, security, health, and wholeness of every member of the Concordia High School community;
 - the preparation of graduates who will serve the church and society as dedicated leaders, responsible citizens and competent professionals;
 - the strengthening of ties with parents, alumni, friends, and all who support Concordia.



Policies:

- **Attendance.** Concordia believes that regular attendance is an important part of learning. Our attendance policy requires that:
 - 1) the school be contacted within 48 hours when student(s) are away for illness, appointments, or other excusable reasons;
 - 2) students with more than two unexcused absences in any course be counselled and parents be notified. Furthermore, students who acquire more than three unexcused absences within a reporting period can, at the teacher's discretion, be barred from writing the final and/or be required to withdraw from the course.
- **Discipline.** Concordia expects that student behaviour will be consistent with Christian values and show respect for others, for property, and for the learning process. The concept of *respect* is appropriate because of the motto of our school, *initium sapientiae timor domini (The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom)* from Psalm 111:10. It all starts with the fear – the deep respect – of God.

RESPECT STATEMENTS:

As a Christian academic school, our primary code of conduct is one of RESPECT. Students enrolling at Concordia High School will commit themselves to:

- Respect for God and His word
- Respect for themselves
- Respect for others
- Respect for the learning process
- Respect for the tools of learning

We encourage students to develop personal discipline in their academic studies, time management, and interpersonal relationships. Teachers and administrators will counsel and/or intervene when circumstances warrant. Where counselling with students and parents does not achieve the desired results or where other students are threatened by misbehaviour, the school reserves the right to cancel the registration of a student.

- **Dress.** Concordia has a uniform policy for students. Students are expected to be in authorized school uniforms at all times except on officially-declared casual dress days.
- **Smoking.** While Concordia actively encourages students to adopt healthy lifestyle choices, it recognizes the reality that some students are smokers. Those who wish to smoke on campus must register with the school office. Registration is only complete when parents give their consent and a registration fee has been paid. Smoking is allowed in designated areas during non-class times only.
- **Academic Probation.** Should a student's academic standing, for any reason, fall below the standards for admission/readmission at the end of any quarter, the faculty of Concordia will intervene by counselling the student in study skills and time management while requiring attendance in supervised study hall during spares.
- **Off-Campus Residence.** Students attending Concordia High School are normally expected to reside with parents, with legal guardians, in campus dormitories, or in an approved homestay situation.

NOTE: The above descriptions are summaries only. Detailed policies are available from the school office.

Financial Aid:

A limited amount of financial aid is available. Criteria and conditions are indicated below. (these policies may not be combined.)

- **Family Enrollment.** Students registering in Grade 10 may be eligible for a tuition reduction of up to 50 percent for every year they are continuously registered in the high school if they have a sibling that is currently enrolled in the high school and that sibling has been continuously enrolled since Grade 10, or if that sibling had been continuously enrolled for three full years and has now graduated.
- **Lutheran Church Worker.** If either parent is a full-time permanent Lutheran Church Worker, a student is eligible for a tuition reduction of up to 50 percent.
- **Christian Leadership.** Two full tuition bursaries are awarded annually to incoming Grade 10 students who are active members of a local Christian congregation, who are admissible to Concordia's academic program, and who have demonstrated financial need.
- **Family Enrollment across Lutheran Schools.** Concordia presently has a joint tuition program with Faith Lutheran School (Grades 1-9) that limits the total tuition paid by families with students in both schools.
- Please reference our website for a complete listing of scholarships & bursaries.

Further Information:

For more information on Concordia High School, visit our website at www.concordiahighschool.com