

BEAUMONT'S HIGH SCHOOL NEEDS



Beaumont is the perfect place to live, work, and raise a family. That's why this community has grown by 20% over the last five years and is expected to double by 2044. As Alberta's third fastest-growing community and the fastest in the Edmonton region, Beaumont is a bustling city with a population of over 23,000 people. With 25 % of our residents under the age of 15, Beaumont's rapidly growing youth demographic is driving the demand for a new high school. Currently, Beaumont only has one non-francophone high school, which is insufficient to meet this rising need.

DEMOGRAPHICS IN 2024

Age		
0-14	»	22%
15-19	»	7%

Projected Demographics¹

	2025	2026	2027	2028
0-14	5,031	5,032	5,058	5,086
15-19	1,866	1,959	1,950	1,940

These numbers do not include the students located in Leduc County who travel to Beaumont for school.

The rural subdivisions located around Beaumont - called "The Vistas" in Leduc County - are also growing at rapid rates. The population of the East Vistas will have a population of over 23,000 people once it is completed. Leduc County estimates that will bring an **additional 4,543 students**, of which over **1,300 will be high school students**. Without any schools in The Vistas, many of those students travel to Beaumont to have their educational needs met.



CHALLENGE

- There is a critical need for new high school spaces to meet the needs of Beaumont's rapidly growing and young population.
- There is little predictability in the funding methods from the Alberta government to meet school needs.



OPPORTUNITY

- Beaumont is overdue for a high school to address the city's growth and evolving community needs, and we are working on an innovative strategy to have a shovel-ready site by the end of 2025.
- Beaumont is looking for design and construction money for the Black Gold School Division and Saint Thomas Aquinas Roman Catholic School Board in Budget 2025 so that the planned schools can open for students in September 2028.
- More predictable funding methods allows communities in Alberta to properly plan for new school builds, as well as assist school boards with longer-term utilization funding.

¹Estimates for 2025 and 2027 are derived using linear interpolation based on the forecasted estimates for 2026 and 2028 periods. The 2026 and 2028 periods are forecasted estimates based on Manifold Datamining Inc. proprietary forecasting method.

SCHOOL SITE DETAILS

There are plans to build two new high schools on a joint high school site in the City of Beaumont and we have the perfect location.

This joint high school site will house two separate school buildings on one site for efficiency – incorporating both the Black Gold School Division and the St. Thomas Aquinas Roman Catholic Separate School Division.

The growth the City continues to experience, combined with the youthful demographic, means that the need is great and accelerating construction is critical.

BLACK GOLD SCHOOL DIVISION

This high school in Beaumont is the number one priority in Black Gold School Division's Three-Year Capital Plan for the 2025-2028 period. This facility will have 1,000 spaces, with room for an additional 600.

Enrolment in Beaumont has grown at an average of 3.4 % per year over the past 5 years.

In January 2022, the new addition at the École Secondaire Beaumont Composite High School opened, increasing the school's net capacity from 983 students to 1117 students, however they have already outgrown this space. The school's utilization rate is currently 101% and it is projected to increase to 126% by September 2026.

SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS ROMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

The Beaumont High School is the number one priority in the Capital Plan for Saint Thomas Aquinas Roman Catholic School Board.

There is no Catholic high school in Beaumont. Currently, the Académie Saint-André Academy for Kindergarten to Grade 4 is at 68% capacity, and École Mother d'Youville School for grades 5 to 9 is at 79% capacity and is expected to increase.

WHAT WE WANT TO ACCOMPLISH

The City of Beaumont is committed to addressing the critical need for a new high school to support our rapidly growing and youthful population. By collaborating with the provincial government, school divisions, and local stakeholders, we aim to secure the necessary funding and approvals to accelerate the construction timeline for the new high school site.

Our efforts will focus on:

- Expediting the design and servicing phases to significantly reduce the construction timeline, ensuring the schools open by 2028.
- Enhancing local education capacity to prevent students from being bussed outside of the community, thereby preserving Beaumont's social cohesion and economic vitality.
- Advocating for predictable and consistent funding methods that allow communities like Beaumont to effectively plan and meet their educational infrastructure needs.

These actions will help ensure that Beaumont supports both our youth's educational success and our community's long-term growth.

TIMELINE

BUDGET 2025

Secure funding and approval

YEAR END 2025

Site is shovel-ready to begin construction

SEPTEMBER 2028

Schools open for students

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