



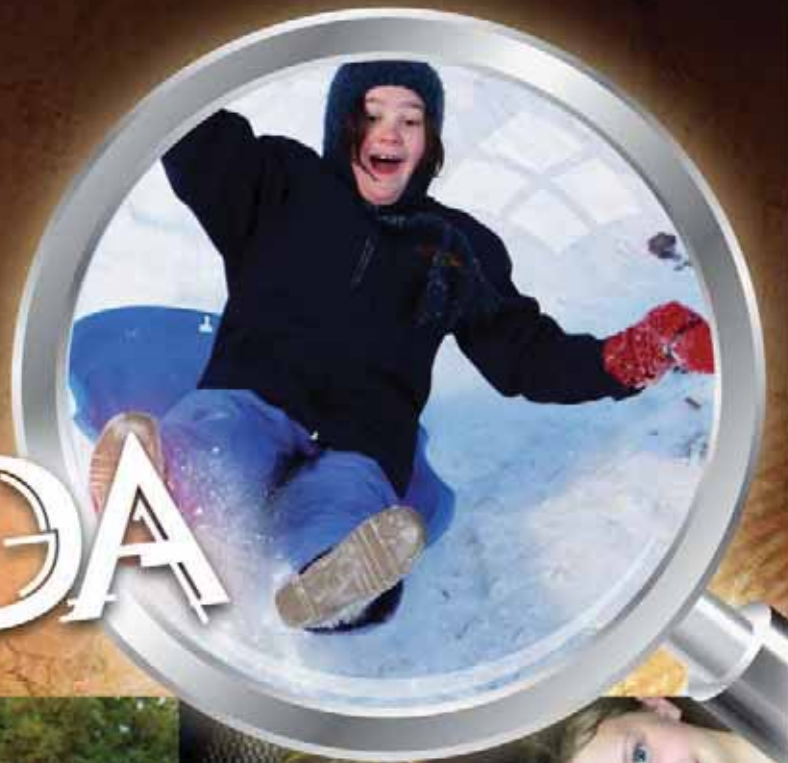
Golden Hills
International

EXPERIENCE LIFE
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STUDY OPPORTUNITIES AND EDUCATION ADVENTURES
IN BEAUTIFUL **ALBERTA, CANADA**

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CANADA





GOLDEN HILLS

Golden Hills is an innovative and award winning school division providing students with exceptional learning opportunities. The outstanding Alberta education curriculum that Golden Hills offers is ranked among the highest in the world. Students from around the world unite with local Canadian students to engage in high level academic study and a variety of other opportunities in the areas of career and technology studies, the arts and sports.

LOCATION

Set in the beautiful prairies, dramatic badlands, and rolling hills of southern Alberta, Golden Hills is a large geographical area located a 25 minute drive east of the city of Calgary. Golden Hills offers first-rate placements at schools in the three main centers of Strathmore, Three Hills, and Drumheller. Golden Hills is made up of many safe and beautiful communities. New friendships are just waiting to be built with the warm, welcoming people who live in our division.

GOLDEN HILLS



Excellent educational opportunities!
Good English language learning support complete with placement testing!
Only public school division in Alberta that has dormitory facilities!
Safe, welcoming schools and communities!
Caring, helpful staff – Post-secondary information and application assistance!
Revalidation of transcripts.
Health care.
Member of the Canadian Association of Public Schools International, CAPS-I, which sets the standards for quality international student programs in Canada.



MAP OF AREA





AVERAGE HIGH TEMP

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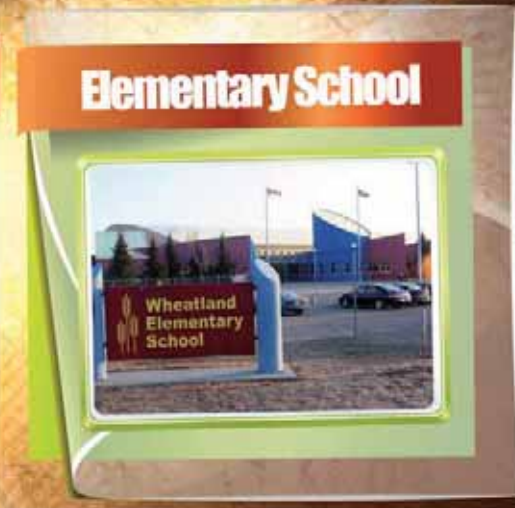
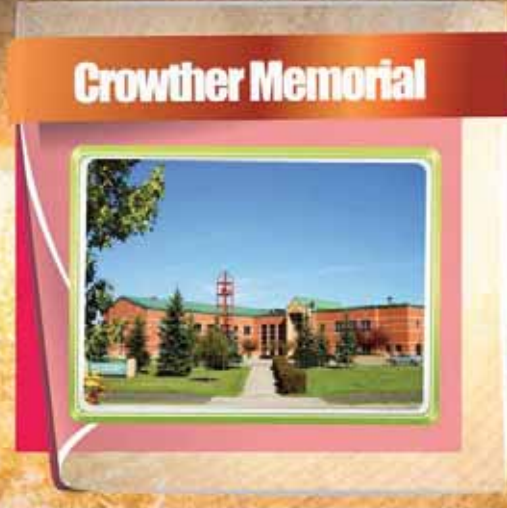
“Golden Hills is a great place to be in the summer!”

“Summertime in Golden Hills is amazing. Students have the option of excellent academic programming and are able to fill in missing courses. There are also lots of opportunities to earn credits for graduation. Special trips and activities are also planned. Golden Hills is the place to be in the summer!”



STRATHMORE

Strathmore is a vibrant, growing community located east of the city of Calgary. It provides a haven for commuters who work in the city of Calgary as well as for many others who work within the community. This community of 11,000 is safe, welcoming and provides a wide variety of amenities that include golf courses, parks, a community centre, sportsplex, skateboard park, hospital, and multiple churches.



This exceptional grade 10 to 12 school of 750 students offers a wide variety of programs including Advanced Placement courses, language courses including French and German, and multiple fine arts programs. This school also has an outstanding sports program with an attached indoor swimming pool. Career and technology study programs include digital design, web-building, photography, marketing and management, design studies, and construction.

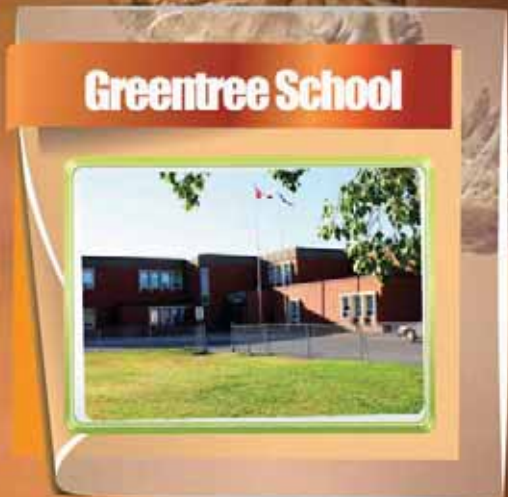
This vibrant grade 7 to 9 school of 700 students provides strong support to developing adolescent students. Students are placed within teacher groupings where their progress is carefully monitored. A rich learning program includes fine arts (including band), leadership, and sports programs in addition to a solid academic foundation.

Three warm, caring kindergarten to grade 6 schools provide a wonderful start to children's schooling: Brentwood, Westmount, and Wheatland. Each of these schools offers excellent academic preparation as well as other special opportunities. Each of these schools offer unique programs including music, choir, drama, sports programs, and various clubs such as chess, leadership, and arts and crafts.



DRUMHELLER

Drumheller is a distinctive community situated 1.5 hours from Calgary in an interesting geographical area of canyons, ravines, and unique rock formations. It is home to the world famous Royal Tyrrell Museum and a number of renowned paleontologists. This community of 10,000 is safe, friendly and provides a wide variety of amenities that include golf courses, parks, sports complexes, a hospital, community centre, and many churches.



This grade 7-12 school is located in the heart of the badlands. International students are welcomed by Canadian students in the International Ambassador program. The exceptional school programming includes English Language Learning support, tutorial support, a full academic program and a variety of fine arts and sports opportunities including golf, football, and volleyball.

Our Kindergarten to grade 6 students enjoy a warm and caring environment in this safe community school. Students are grouped in classes, each with its own highly trained teacher. In addition to the excellent academic program, students are provided with opportunities to participate in band, choir, fine arts, sports and more.





Golden Hills covers a large geographic area, and there are a number of smaller communities that have excellent schools. These schools can accommodate fewer international students but the students who join these schools report positive experiences and wonderful learning opportunities.

Three Hills School



This friendly kindergarten to grade 12 school of 450 students provides a welcoming atmosphere and a solid academic program, as well as band classes, sports programming and career and technology classes including information technology, foods, fabrication and construction.

Trochu Valley School



This kindergarten to grade 12 school of 400 students provides a good grounding in academics as well as opportunity for participation in career and technology studies that include media programs, construction, and fabrication. Athletic and fine arts programs are also available including opportunity to participate in an award winning band.

Other Options



There are a number of other small, rural schools within Golden Hills that facilitate wonderful learning opportunities for students including the schools of Carseland (K to 6), Dr. Elliot (K to 9), Acme (K to 12), and Standard (K to 12). A number of these schools have won recognition for academic excellence, and the whole community provides a warm welcome for visiting international students.





CHRISTIAN OPTIONS

In order to accommodate parents seeking a Christian alternative for schooling, Golden Hills is pleased to offer schools that can meet that need. These schools emphasize values and morals grounded in Christianity.

Prairie Christian Academy



This K to 12 school located in Three Hills provides an education infused with Christian values. All teachers are adept at developing a Christian ethic in students along with an excellent academic program. There is opportunity to be part of exceptional choirs and musical groups, as well as worship teams, and various sports teams. The school facilitates annual mission trips to other parts of the world including most recently Bogota, Colombia, and Athens, Greece.

Trinity Lutheran Christian Academy



TLC is a school of approximately one hundred kindergarten to grade 9 students. It is located in the community of Strathmore. It offers a Christian alternative to parents and students who are looking for values based education. It is a school with a very close community where everyone knows each other.



PROGRAMS

REGULAR PROGRAMS

Elementary School Program (grades 4-6)

Junior High Program (grades 7-9)

• Senior High Program (grades 10-12) that may include special interest in:

- Fine Arts (Arts, Theatre Arts, Dance, Choral and Band)
- Career and Technology Studies
- Athletics/Sports Medicine

Christian Program (grades 4-12)

SHORT-TERM

Students may come for just a portion of the year to experience Canadian culture and schools. Agents should contact Golden Hills staff for information on special packages.

SUMMER

During July and August students can develop their English skills in a fun environment that includes a number of activities and excursions that promote science and technology and western culture.

PATHWAYS PROGRAMS (GRADE 12+):

PATHWAY 1: This is Pre Post-Secondary study for students who already have a high school diploma or those in the last year of high school. The focus is on achieving an Alberta High School Diploma through completion of five mandatory courses within the periods of either February to August or September to February. It is designed to assist students to gain entry into their choice of North American post-secondary programs. Students must be highly motivated and able to adjust quickly to a new culture. Upon arrival, ESL levels, transcripts and academic progress will be reviewed to confirm placement appropriateness. Recommendations to remain at the high school level longer in order to reach a level of achievement that is acceptable for the post-secondary level may be made if necessary.

In order to be successful in Pathway 1, students must have:

- Pre-approval by the Golden Hills International Department
- Strong English proficiency (i.e., A score of 7 on the IELTS)
- A transcript that demonstrates that a student has fulfilled the pre-requisites for the 5 diploma courses. Support will be given to transfer credits from his or her current official school transcripts
- An on-time semester start (for students who arrive after Feb 1st or Sept 1st, we may recommend that they remain longer)

PATHWAY 2: This pathway is for those students who have already achieved a high school diploma in their home countries and are on their way to a North American University or simply want to have an English experience. The second pathway program does not require diploma courses but offers options that will increase language skills.



HOMESTAY



In our homestay program, students are welcomed into the home of a Canadian family which has been carefully selected for each student. Full board is provided with students having a private bedroom and study area, access to laundry facilities, and transportation to school (if not within walking distance, the family or a school bus provides transportation to school)

Students are thought of as part of the family that they join and are, therefore, invited to be part of family events, outings, trips and celebrations. Many of our students say that their homestay experiences were some of the best aspects of their time with us and that they improved their English skills considerably as a result. Students also frequently maintain contact with their homestay families after returning to their own countries.



DORMITORY/BOARDING FACILITY

Golden Hills operates three separate dormitories in the communities of Drumheller, Strathmore and Three Hills. We are the only public school system that offers a dormitory option. Each of the dormitories are managed by caring staff that provide 24 hour supervision and support to students. Students are provided with full board with 2 students per room. They also have access to on-site laundry facilities, computers, learning resources, a central lounge, a kitchenette, and a gym.

Students are provided with multiple opportunities to participate in evening and weekend activities, trips, and outings. They also have supervised study times, access to tutors, and many ways in which they are supported in improving their English language skills. Students have noted that they have appreciated the support and help they have received from the dormitory staff and that they have treasured the wonderful friendships they have created with other students.





More Information and Application Process

For more information, or to apply, visit our website at www.ghsd-international.com or contact us at learn@ghsd75.ca. Information about the application steps, documents required, and process for VISA application is provided on the website and our full-time staff members are happy to help you with any questions you have.



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