



Discovering Choices 12 EAL Cohort (English as an Additional Language)

Program

Discovering Choices invites EAL students to express interest in returning for an additional year of high school (R12). This opportunity is intended to support EAL students with completing graduation requirements within two semesters. This requires in-person daily attendance at the Discovering Choices Bowness location. A minimum commitment of two days a week is required.

Learner profile

- English language proficiency (Overall LP) recommended at least LP3
- At least 70 credits are recommended prior to enrollment
- Credits for English Language Arts 30 and/or Social Studies 30 are still required for graduation
- Demonstrated adherence to the CBE student code of conduct
- Has not yet been able to complete high school graduation requirements
- Possesses the literacy and numeracy skills necessary to be successful in the K&E or Diploma level pathways

Criteria

In accordance with [AR 6093 Fourth Year of High School](#), students up until the age of 19 years of age as of Sept. 1 may be eligible for a returning Grade 12 year to complete a program of studies as a funded student. A fourth year of high school education is not for the purpose of upgrading.

Students Over 18 with Temporary Resident Status

Alberta Education has confirmed that students over the age of 18 who are accompanying temporary resident parents or legal guardians, as defined in the Funding Manual for School Authorities, may be eligible for funding in the 2026-27 school year, pending review of documentation.

The student must:

- Be younger than 20 years of age on Sept 1
- Hold a valid study permit*
- Meet the definition of a student (as per the Funding Manual for School Authorities)
- Have a parent or legal guardian with a valid work or study permit who also meets the definition of a temporary resident*

**Documentation for temporary resident returning grade 12 students must be verified by the CBE Welcome Centre.*

** To access publicly funded education, individuals must meet provincial eligibility requirements under the [Education Act](#), as defined in the [Funding Manual for School Authorities](#) and supported by documentation as outlined in the [Student Record Regulation](#).*

How many courses can a student complete in a semester?

Students start with two courses and consult with staff on a regular basis to establish their individualized academic plan. A number of interdisciplinary CTS courses can be embedded into core classes. Students will develop/adapt their goals as they progress throughout the year.



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