

Career High Schools Relocating to Traditional School Buildings - FAQs



Chinook's Edge School Division (CESD)

- 1. What are the timelines for the relocation of our career high students, staff, resources and programs?**
 - For the start of the 2021-22 school year:
 - Sylvan Career High will move to the H.J. Cody campus;
 - Innisfail Career High will move to Innisfail High campus;
 - Olds Career High will move to the Community Learning Campus and Olds High;
 - Didsbury Career High will move to Didsbury High campus and have a physical presence at Hugh Sutherland School as well.
 - For the start of the 2022-23 school year:
 - Gasoline Alley Career High will move to the Penhold Crossing Secondary School campus.
- 2. Are any relocations planned for the current school year?**

No. Students and staff will be in their current locations for the remainder of the 2020-21 school year.
- 3. Will students who currently attend career high schools maintain their unique programs?**

Yes. Our career high and traditional school staff will continue to support both part-time and full-time career high students.
- 4. Will career high students be given the option of participating in high school courses, programs, and activities at the new location if they choose?**

Yes. One of the key advantages of the relocations is that CESD can increase opportunities for all students including curricular (e.g. CTS Shop, Band, Drama), extra-curricular (Athletics, Clubs), graduation, etc.
- 5. Students and families may have specific questions and/or requests for September. When can they discuss these with their teachers?**

Student planning meetings for the fall will be scheduled by each career high school in April and May. These meetings will be arranged by the school and will help support all students during this transition.
- 6. When will students and families receive further details such as the exact location of each career high within the traditional buildings?**

Further details will be provided beginning in April. Please give your child's school a few months to work with our central office leadership team and the staff at the traditional school to provide additional details.
- 7. My children attend high school in a community not listed above, but they take blended courses with a career high. Will those opportunities continue?**

Yes. Our career high staff will continue to offer blended learning opportunities to students in Delburne, Spruce View, Bowden, Olds Koinonia, Cremona, and Hugh Sutherland.
- 8. Will career highs continue to offer upgrading to our CESD fourth and fifth year high school students?**

Yes, we will continue to offer upgrading opportunities for our students.
- 9. Will career highs continue to offer tuition-based education programs to adults and mature students?**

We need more time to assess whether adult and mature student programming will continue. This will be determined prior to the fall. We are exploring new opportunities for CESD to partner with post-secondary programs to support mature students.
- 10. What are the primary reasons for these relocations?**
 - Student reasons: We are convinced it is the right thing to do for our students' success. In communities where students can blend courses between the traditional high school and career highs, high school completion rates are higher than the provincial average. Further to this, traditional schools offer many programs, specialized supports and opportunities that can now be available to all CESD students.
 - Budgetary reasons: These relocations are in direct response to a new funding model across the province that reduces grants for course credits and building leases. These changes will help reduce shortfalls by \$1 million for CESD.
- 11. Will there be regular communication over the next eight months to keep families informed?**

Yes, career high schools, traditional high schools, and CESD will keep all stakeholders informed throughout the second semester.