



## OUTREACH SERVICES SUPPORT EXPANSION FAQS FOR FSD COMMUNITY

### WHAT IS OUTREACH EDUCATION?

Outreach Education is a philosophy- a way of approaching education that is equitable, accessible, and responsive to the diverse needs of our youth. Our mission is to best serve every child, every day- no exceptions. Following a whole-child approach, Outreach Services in Foothills School Division promotes connection between students, students and staff, and students and their community. It focusses on overall well-being and allows for flexible access to academic and social-emotional supports to help ensure our students reach their full potential.

### WHY IS Foothills School Division Expanding Outreach Services?

FSD has identified Outreach Services as a key part of our Continuum of Supports. Our new Outreach Education Centre bridges the gap between Foothills Digital School and Cameron Crossing School, allowing for more students to be supported in accessing flexible access to academic and social-emotional supports.

### LOCATION & TRANSPORTATION

#### WHERE WILL OUTREACH SERVICES SCHOOLS BE LOCATED?

The Outreach Services schools of Cameron Crossing, Foothills Digital School, and Foothills Outreach Education Centre for grades 10-12 will be housed in one of the Riverside Drive locations.

The Outreach Services schools of Cameron Crossing, Foothills Digital School, and Foothills Outreach Education Centre for grades 7-9 will be housed in the new adjacent Riverside Drive locations.

As there is construction currently underway at 35 Riverside Drive, the move into the new space will be delayed until later in fall of the 2024-2025 school year.

#### WHY ARE THE LOCATIONS OF OUTREACH SERVICES SCHOOLS IN OKOTOKS?

Okotoks is the most equitable central location to begin the program. It also allows to centralize and streamline resources to maximize utilization.

#### IS THERE PARKING AVAILABLE FOR STUDENTS AT THE OUTREACH SERVICES LOCATIONS?

There is no designated parking at either location. Parking is available in the communities at marked, designated locations only.

#### IS THERE BUSSING AVAILABLE FOR OUTREACH SERVICES SCHOOLS?

Bussing is provided for students enrolled in Cameron Crossing 10-12 or 7-9. Students enrolled in Foothills Outreach Centre can also register for bussing and be picked up at one the following school locations:

École Senator Riley Middle School- High River  
C. Ian McLaren School- Diamond Valley  
ÉSFCHS | AHSFA - Okotoks

## REGISTRATION & STUDENTS BEST SERVED

### **WE AS PARENTS/CAREGIVERS WANT TO REGISTER OUR CHILD IN ONE OF THE OUTREACH SERVICES SCHOOLS. WHAT IS THE PROCESS?**

Parents and caregivers are encouraged to work with their current school's administration to collaboratively decide if one of the schools that are part of Outreach Services is an appropriate placement for their child and should engage in the registration/referral process with the support of their current school's personnel.

### **OUR CHILD IS FROM OUT-OF-BOUNDARIES, CURRENTLY IN A PRIVATE SCHOOL, OR IS CURRENTLY ATTENDING A THE SEPARATE SYSTEM (CTR), AND WE WANT TO ENROLL IN A Foothills School Division Outreach Services School Setting. HOW DO WE REGISTER?**

The next step for parents and caregivers not currently part of Foothills School Division is to contact the Director of Student Learning (7-12) and Assurance to discuss appropriate registration options.

### **WE HAVE A CHILD WITH DIVERSE COGNITIVE AND/OR SIGNIFICANT MEDICAL NEEDS, CAN OUTREACH SERVICES SUPPORT THEM?**

Students with diverse cognitive and/or significant medical needs are best supported in their current/ designated school with the support of the Foothills School Division Inclusive Learning team. For more information, please contact Director of Inclusive Learning.

### **WE HAVE A CHILD WHO REQUIRES ADAPTED PROGRAMMING, CAN THEY ENROLL IN AN OUTREACH SERVICES SETTING?**

Students who are best served by Outreach Services are independent learners who are working toward their Alberta Education High School Diploma. Foothills Digital School does not provide K&E programming. Cameron Crossing and Foothills Outreach Centre do provide K&E programming and students can receive their Alberta High School Diploma or Certificate of Achievement. Outreach Services support students with Learning Disabilities and social-emotional-behavioural concerns that may impact their ability to learn in traditional settings. Although all learning is individualized to meet the unique needs and interests of our students, and is modified at times to build confidence and skills, all Outreach Services settings follow the Alberta Education curriculum.

## MORE INFORMATION

### **WHERE CAN STAFF AND STUDENTS FIND FURTHER INFORMATION ON OUTREACH SERVICES IN Foothills School Division?**

Currently, parents can find information on Outreach Services in FSD on the FSD website. Students and their families are encouraged to connect with their current/designated school personnel to access further information on Outreach Services and to explore various setting options and registration processes.

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