

***Elk Island Catholic Schools (EICS) delivers Alberta Education curriculum to our students within a faith-filled learning community. At EICS, we believe that every student is a blessing from God and this guiding principle permeates everything we do to ensure the best learning experience possible for all students.***

**EICS was formed Elk Island Catholic Separate Regional Division 41 in 1998 serving the communities of Camrose, Fort Saskatchewan and Strathcona County. In May 2001, the Catholic Schools in the community of Vegreville were added.**

**There are currently 18 schools in the EICS Division:**

<b>Strathcona County:</b>	<b>9 Schools</b>
<b>Fort Saskatchewan:</b>	<b>4 Schools</b>
<b>Camrose:</b>	<b>2 Schools</b>
<b>Vegreville:</b>	<b>2 Schools</b>
<b>St. Isidore Catholic Learning Centre</b>	<b>1 Centre</b>

**Current enrolment of EICS is 7,509 students:**

<b>Strathcona County</b>	<b>3,531</b>
<b>Rural Strathcona County</b>	<b>317</b>
<b>Camrose</b>	<b>819</b>
<b>Fort Saskatchewan</b>	<b>1,270</b>
<b>Vegreville</b>	<b>397</b>
<b>St. Isidore and Thee Home Education</b>	<b>1,182</b>

**EICS is governed by a board consisting of 7 trustees: The EICS Board for 2017-2021 consists of : Justine Wright (Fort Saskatchewan), Michelle Szott, Ted Paszek, Jean Boisvert, Le-Ann Ewaskiw (Strathcona County), Ron Baier (Camrose), Teresa Makowecki (Vegreville). Current Chair: Ted Paszek, Vice: Jean Boisvert**

**With the goal of improving student services, staff supports and financial efficiency, EICS opened our doors to our new Central Learning Services Building this Fall. This central hub to the EICS family is able to accommodate 8 previous locations under one roof. Come visit us at our new location:**

**EICS Central Learning Services  
St. Isidore Catholic Learning Centre  
310 Broadview Road, Sherwood Park T8H 1A4  
(780) 467-8896**

## Why Catholic Education?

- Catholic schools are distinct because we integrate faith and learning fully within our schools - our faith is not just expressed in a classroom but felt and embraced within the entire spirit of the school.
- Catholic schools work collaboratively with stakeholders and our educational partners in the communities we live. Within EICS, we continue to work successfully with neighboring school divisions in sharing Transportation and other shared services which saves all Albertans valuable tax dollars.
- Catholic schools celebrate diversity and inclusion rooted in social justice, spirituality and acceptance. Catholic education contributes to celebrating Canada's mosaic of citizens. Non-Catholic parents have the opportunity to choose a faith-based education for their children in their community. Choice remains an important distinguishing attribute of a democratic society.
- Catholic education is rooted in the unwavering understanding that all children are God's children, created in his likeness and image, deserving of unconditional love and inherent dignity.

## Divisional Priorities

- Choice in publicly funded education
- Valuing locally elected trusteeship
- Funding for infrastructure and modernizations
- Continue funding for new students

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