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Calgary Board of Education Schools

Alex Ferguson	fen with water-loving plants, large stump benches, amphitheatre, native trees, shrubs and wildflowers; large steel butterfly that marks entrance to garden; descriptive signage
Altadore Elementary	3 stages installed between 1999-2002; well established native plantings; woodland area; all located at the front of the school; little hardscaping
Andrew Sibbald Elementary	installed project fall 2009
Annie Foote Elementary School	small inner courtyard; raised beds
Balmoral	beds with native trees, shrubs, picnic tables and boulders; mulched stripe with boulders and picnic tables around massive existing trees
Belfast Elementary School	active vegetable garden; added naturalization project in 2004; fairly simple with seating, planting in mulched beds
Bob Edwards Junior High School	small project; raised planters and seating
Bowcroft	planning underway with a wetland design
Bowness Highschool	received funds from Enmax to help reclaim courtyard space; likely 2009
Brentwood Elementary School	one of the oldest projects in Calgary at 13 plus years; well-established wooded area; many native plants; little hardscaping
Calgary Science School	project installed when school was Clem Gardener; in need of some revitalizing
Cambrian Heights Elementary School	planning underway
Canyon Meadows Elementary	worked with City of Calgary's Integrated Pest Management Dept. to create xeriscape plantings; installed 2003, 2004; extensive project across front of the school; amphitheatre, wood walking bridges, aspen grove, use of recycled tire path material
Capital Hill Elementary School	long, narrow project along fence line; includes bird houses
Captain John Palliser Elementary School	small, older project; school interested in revitalizing it
Cedarbrae Elementary	smaller project at front of the school planted 2004; wrought iron fence; teepee ring with mosaic tiles, concrete amphitheatre, raised beds, small collection of native plants including wildflowers and grasses



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Chinook Park	inner courtyard project installed 2006; raised beds, native plants; plans for more additions
Clinton Ford Alternative High	plant rescue project; native sod installed on small slope in back; vegetable garden project is ongoing
Collingwood Elementary	project with trees, shrubs, boulders
Colonel Macleod Elementary and Junior High	large inner courtyard project; school is actively working to use and maintain; wonderful brickwork, raised beds, boulders, art work
Colonel Walker	plantings at the front of the school
Coventry Hills Mini School	planning underway
Dalhousie Elementary	planted shrubs 2006
Dr. E.W. Coffin Elementary	fully engaged school; raised beds built several years ago; have adopted near-by natural area; amphitheatre and naturalized area installed 2004; included natural swales to collect rainwater and rescued plants
Dr. Oakley	amphitheatre with a few native plants
Ecole Banff Trail	Amphitheatre surrounded by native trees and shrubs; wildflowers; large sundial
Edgemont School	older project
Elbow Park	area beside the school with raised planters, trees, shrubs, wildflowers and an outdoor classroom seating area
Elboya Elementary/Junior High School	beginning the planning process 2007
Emily Follensbee	created for special needs children; includes sensory garden
Erin Woods Elementary	small mulched bed with native trees and shrubs
Glendale Elementary School	well-established area (2002) with new native plantings (2004); includes composters, mosaic tiles, grass labyrinth, native shrubs, wildflowers and grasses
Grant McEwan	planning underway
Guy Weadick Elementary	planning underway
Hamptons School (The)	small project, primarily trees
Harold W. Riley	school very interested in the concept



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Henry Wise Wood High School	small patch of aspen; small veggie garden
Hidden Valley School	school actively planned for 2 1/2 years before planting in 2005; integrated play structure with native plantings; brick pathway, boulders, native trees, shrubs, grasses and wildflowers
Hillhurst Community School	mulched beds along side of school with native trees, shrubs and wildflowers; log structure
James Short	amphitheatre; small beds with some shrubs
Jennie Elliott Elementary School	established inner courtyard; includes picnic tables, raised planters, sloped area with native trees, shrubs, grasses and wildflowers
Jerry Potts Elementary School	millennium garden project; beautification focus
Keeler Elementary	small patch of aspen planted
Killarney Elementary	project with boulder waterfall and rock riverbed; trees and shrubs; boulder amphitheatre
King George Elementary (Ecole)	area along side of school with native and non-native trees, shrubs and flowers; boulders for seating; planning another phase with design of new playground
Lake Bonavista Elementary School	fenced area close to school; mix of native and non-native plants; benches, logs; well-used and supported
Louis Riel Elementary/Junior High School	well-established project planted 2001; carved out asphalt to create planting beds; good use of mulch; picnic benches, seating, small amphitheatre, good examples of lodge pole pine and larch; other trees, shrubs, grasses, wildflowers
Marion Carson	front of the school project with trees, shrubs and wildflowers; features such as a stump spiral and cement compass
Mountview	actively planning as of 2006
Nellie McClung Elementary	planted small area 2009
Olympic Heights School	one of the oldest projects in Calgary installed 1995; well-established area in open front courtyard; amphitheatre; interpretive signage; demonstration garden for native wildflowers
Penbrooke Meadows Elementary School	small bed at front of the school
Queen Elizabeth Elementary	sensory garden; mulched and rock beds with native trees and shrubs; signage describing the project
Ramsay Elementary School	small amphitheatre and surrounding native shrubs



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Riverbend School	large project installed 2002-2003; boulder seating, wooden bridges, game tables, composters, well-established plantings primarily trees and shrubs
Rosedale Elementary and Junior High	planning underway
Rosemont	small site completed
Sam Livingston Elementary School	project at front of the school; installed 2003; includes rock seating circle, large teepee foundation and poles, boulders, picnic tables, composters, native plantings
Scenic Acres	project along playground with trees, shrubs and boulders
Simons Valley Elementary School	naturalized area planted at front of the school with native wildflower, shrubs and benches
Sir James Lougheed Elementary	teachers interested in concept
Stanley Jones and Alice Jamieson	sensory garden, trees, shrubs, boulders; project revolves around history of the school
Sunalta Elementary	installed 2005; utilized existing plantings and added beds with native plants, benches, large amphitheatre combined with labyrinth; butterfly garden
Sundance	interested in the concept
Sunnyside Community School	project installed 2000 through 2002; three distinct areas - prairie, riverside, aspen woodland; great use of logs, boulders; very organic, great for creative play
Terry Fox Junior High School	natural area preserved when school was built; pathways maintained throughout
Traditional Learning Center (at Colonel Saunders)	planted 2005 and 2006; large paved area and low amphitheatre; shinto gate, engraved bricks, logs, native plants
University Elementary	project created as bird-attracting garden; mix of native and non-native plants, seating
Valley Creek	shares campus with Hidden Valley; integrated play structure with native plantings; brick pathway, boulders, native trees, shrubs, grasses and wildflowers
Vista Heights	Front of the school project with native trees and shrubs, so wildflowers; amphitheatre
W.O. Mitchell Elementary	teachers interested in concept; began planning fall 2009
West Dalhousie	worked with Olds College design students for project design



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<i>Westgate Elementary</i>	interested in the concept and have started some planning;
<i>Wildwood Elementary School</i>	very naturalistic site, began installation 1998; represents Alberta ecoregions; great collection of native species; pathways, rock and log seating; 2008 addition of boulder amphitheatre
<i>William Reid Elementary School</i>	phases installed 2002, 2003; project stretches down side of school; pathways, small amphitheatre, mural on school wall, dry river bed, labyrinth, engraved rocks
<i>Willow Park Elementary School</i>	initial site expanded when Milton Williams School moved to the site in 2004 bringing elements of their naturalization project with them; snags, low boulder amphitheatres, great collection of native species; school has a gardening option available to students