



# BANBURY CROSSROADS SCHOOL EST. 1979

## Seeking a school like home?

We offer full Junior-K to Grade 12. Banbury Crossroads School feels like a family. It's a school where you love to be – every day! Where you have the freedom to be yourself. Where you are seen, heard, and understood.

What makes us unique? We use an individualized teaching approach, rather than the lecture method. Our atmosphere is relaxed, safe, and stress-free. Banbury classes are multi-aged, allowing everyone to interact meaningfully. Just like a family. Our classes are small, so teachers will have quality time with their students. Self-Directed Learning stimulates engagement and happiness. Students also gain great communication and problem-solving skills.

You need to check us out! Take advantage of a two-day try-out with us. Call Anne in the office at (403) 270-7787 today!



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# **THE PURPOSE OF BANBURY IS TO MEET INDIVIDUAL NEEDS, AND HELP STUDENTS BECOME SELF-SUFFICIENT.**

## **Students are happy and engaged in learning.**

And that's because of Self-Directed Learning! We engage students to plan their day and to design their assignments depending on their interests. We encourage them to make decisions about their goals, materials they need, and how to monitor their progress. We explore the world on many field trips! We don't stress competition between students since it creates performance anxiety. And yes, we do follow the Alberta Curriculum, although we have no marks until Grade 10.

## **We teach and mentor each child individually.**

Every child is different. Banbury trusts students to make scheduling decisions and to learn at their own pace. With our tutorial approach, teachers move around, assisting and teaching every child one-on-one, with daily feedback.

## **We believe in multi-aged groups.**

And that's because this prevents social problems when children learn at different rates. Banbury operates three multi-aged groups: age 3–6, 7–11 and 12–18. Having students together with older or younger peers, and not having marks on report cards, gives classrooms a very different vibe. Children love to learn from each other, and they learn leadership skills too.

## **We encourage mutual respect.**

Students can be themselves. They are encouraged to make their own decisions, as long as they respect the rights of others. Effective communication, negotiation, and problem-solving require mutual respect. It leads to comfort, confidence, and happiness.

## **We offer small class sizes.**

Classrooms at Banbury are not traditional. You often will find cozy sofas or bean bags. With a ratio of 1:10, teachers have time to interact with students, look at their work and chat about how they are doing.

Please watch our introductory movies. Banbury is the school you wished you went to as a child!

