



ADVOCATING FOR OUR STUDENTS

Three-Year Capital Plan 2027–2030



20
Projects

\$1.22
Billion



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Edmonton Catholic Schools' enrolment is growing faster than new student spaces are being delivered. Rising student population continues to push more schools beyond capacity, especially at the high school level. Temporary measures to accommodate enrolment pressures in schools that have simply run out of space for teaching and learning are disrupting families and increasing travel times. In more established areas, where schools have aging infrastructure, modernization may not be cost effective or able to provide the modern, vibrant learning spaces that would be delivered through a new build.

The ECSD Capital Plan 2027–2030 balances the needs of our rapidly expanding city with the needs of our aging schools in established areas and ensures that all Edmonton families have access to an excellent Catholic education near their home community.

Enrolment at Edmonton Catholic Schools has surpassed 51,000 students, reflecting growing demand for Catholic education.

We have grown by 17.6% in the past five years and by 23.7% in the past 10 years.

44% of ECSD's schools (41 out of 93) are operating beyond their intended capacity, despite the addition of 39 modular classrooms at overcrowded schools throughout the city. These schools do not have the space to support further growth.

Families are already being affected. ECSD's overall utilization is 102%. This means that even if students were redirected from overcrowded schools to less crowded schools, there would still not be enough space for all students.

ECSD's temporary enrolment management measures, including student redirection and program relocations, are increasing travel times and decreasing access to local schools, disrupting families.

St. Josephine Bakhita in Secord opened in 2025 at 114% utilization, reflecting significant pressure in newer neighbourhoods. We need new schools in high-growth areas immediately.

High schools are under the most severe pressure. Overall, high school utilization is 112%, even after adding new schools and modular space. For the 2025–2026 school year, ECSD is short over 1,400 high school seats.

This gap will continue to widen without the construction of additional Catholic high schools. Enrolment projections indicate the need for 3,700 additional high school spaces within five years and 5,000 within 10 years.

Solution projects often combine several smaller schools in established areas into a larger school, creating more opportunities for student learning. Benefits include reduced administrative duplication and costs, as well as enhanced curricular and extracurricular programming made possible by larger, more diverse staff teams in modern facilities. Solution projects ensure that established neighbourhoods have access to the same high-quality Catholic learning environments found in areas with new schools.

We appreciate not having to wait for school funding to align with budget cycles. We need more schools approved through Schools Now, also known as the School Construction Accelerator Program.

Our Division is committed to ensuring that every child has access to the excellent Catholic teaching and learning environments that they deserve.