

About the Edmonton Society for Christian Education (ESCE)

The Edmonton Society for Christian Education was incorporated in 1946 by members of the Reformed Christian community as a non-profit charitable organization to further the cause of Christian education. In 1949 the Society established an interdenominational Christian day school in Edmonton.

The ESCE Story:

1. The Society opened Edmonton Christian Schools in 1949 in rented space in the basement of a downtown Edmonton church with 20 students in grades 3-6. We purchased our first building, Central Campus, in 1951.
2. Growth has been a constant theme of our school:
 - Central Campus, the Society's first owned property, opened in downtown Edmonton in 1951
 - East Campus then opened on 36 street in 1955
 - Central campus moved from downtown to our present McQueen location in 1957 and was renamed West School
 - The High School opened at our present location in 1967
 - North Campus operated at the Fort Road location from 1969 through 2007
 - North and East campuses were amalgamated into Northeast School in 1994
 - \$1.9 million was raised by the Society to renovate and expand the High School in 2004
 - \$3 million was raised by the Society to build the new Northeast School in 2007 with students moving in in 2008
 - The Society invested \$800,000 for renovations at West School in 2011
 - \$5.22 million was raised by the Society to renovate and expand the West School in 2021
3. In 1999 the Society and the Edmonton Public School Board (EPSB) signed a partnership agreement for the operation of Edmonton Christian Schools as an alternative program under the Edmonton Public School Board (EPSB). In accordance with this agreement, EPSB provides the resources for the daily operation of Edmonton Christian Schools.
4. As partners with EPSB, the Society remains responsible for the following:
 - Funding the Christian program vision, perspective, and content that makes Edmonton Christian School a unique alternative program
 - Preserving the integrity of the school's Christian vision and mission. Elected Board members participate in all school staff interviews and new parent/student interviews
 - Staff is hired only with Board approval
 - Owning, maintaining and enhancing all Edmonton Christian School buildings, furniture and equipment
 - Jointly monitoring the Christian program with Edmonton Public Schools
5. Since partnering with Edmonton Public Schools in 1999, enrolment at Edmonton Christian Schools has grown from 775 to more than 1,440 students.
6. The Society has more than 3,100 members. Edmonton Christian Schools' enrolment comes from more than 850 families, representing about 150 Edmonton area churches.
7. In 2019, Edmonton Christian Schools marked its 70th anniversary of offering Christian education and its 20th year of partnership with Edmonton Public Schools.

Edmonton Society for Christian Education partners with Edmonton Public Schools to operate Edmonton Christian Schools.

