LYNX Application Process – 2026-2027

A. Getting Started: Choose Your Student's Location and Program Type

Calgary

- Grades 1-9 Fully Teacher Directed Program (mornings onsite)
- Grades 1-9 Fully Teacher Directed Program (mornings at home)
- Grades 1-9 Shared Responsibility Program (mornings at home)
- ECS Onsite

Cochrane

- Grades 1-9 Fully Teacher Directed Program (mornings at home)
- Grades 1-9 Shared Responsibility Program (mornings at home)

Okotoks

- Grades 1-9 Fully Teacher Directed Program (mornings at home)
- Shared Responsibility Program (mornings at home)

Edmonton

- Grades 1-9 Fully Teacher Directed Program (mornings at home)
- Grades 1-9 Shared Responsibility Program (mornings at home)

B. Submitting Your Application

LYNX uses SchoolCloud, a Student Information System (SIS) approved by Alberta Education. SchoolCloud is the only SIS created and based in Alberta. Applications for LYNX are made through SchoolCloud.

We strongly recommend using a computer rather a mobile phone or tablet for the online application process.

Current LYNX Families

Login to your SchoolCloud account at https://schoolcloud.ca/Login/ and follow the instructions to submit an application for your returning student(s) for the 2026-2027 School Year. The system will walk you through the application process.

You may also add a new student(s) during the same session. Please note that you will asked for additional information and need to upload a copy of your child's birth certificate.

New LYNX Families

Before You Begin the Application

You will need your child's Alberta Health Care Number, a scanned copy or digital photo of your child's Birth Certificate and, if not Canadian, a scanned copy or digital photo showing proof of citizenship or residency. Please have those ready before starting the application process.

1. First, if you do not have a SchoolCloud account, create one at https://schoolcloud.ca/CreateUrsaAccount/. You will receive an email with a link to set your password. (If you already have a SchoolCloud account, login at https://schoolcloud.ca/Login/ and go to step 3.)

2. After creating your password, use it to log in and start the application.

3. Once you have entered your student's name and birthdate, the application will move through a series of tabs.

After each page, click "Save and Continue".

4. First, choose the location (LYNX Calgary, LYNX Cochrane, LYNX Okotoks, or LYNX Edmonton) and the program you are applying for (Grades 1-9 Teacher Directed or Shared Responsibility and ECS). Clicking on the different choices will give you a description of each to help you know which to choose.

5. Fill in your student's basic information (grade, address, etc.) and the parent information.

6. The questionnaire gives us helpful information to know how to best support your family.

7. Upload a copy of the child's birth certificate on the "Forms" tab.

8. Work through each of the other tabs. For Shared Responsibility students, the last page asks you to choose between following the Alberta Programs of Study or the Schedule in the Home Education Regulation, which can be found HERE.

9. After completing the application, you will have an opportunity to add an additional new student. Repeat these steps to submit applications for all students.

The system will email you a copy of your completed application.

We will contact you if additional information is required to process your application.

If you have problems with any part of the application, you can contact us at schoolcloud@thirdschools.ca.