

LRSD Career Services “NEWSLettie”

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This fall, LRSD students had opportunities to explore a variety of careers including health care, personal services and the trades through one on one research assistance, field trips and in-house visits from post-secondary institutions. Parents and students were invited to take part in online evening sessions throughout September and October. The 5 Career Chats for the Confused, Concerned or Curious were all related to post secondary education opportunities. All LRSD high school students and their families are encouraged to book an appointment or reach out to Lettie (croskeryl@lrsd.ab.ca) anytime with questions regarding program planning, dual credit course enrollment, post secondary research and financing options, job search skill development and more! For more information about career exploration opportunities, scholarship lists and useful research links, go to your school website and click on the Career Services section.



UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES:

Career Exploration Sessions

All of these sessions, offered through Career Transitions are free and available online after school hours:

- January 14 - Defence Counsel
- January 15 - Roofer
- February 4 - RCMP Forensics Identification Specialist
- February 6 - Urban Forest Technician
- March 11 - Video Game Developer
- March 20 - Wildlife Biologist

Olds College Dual Credit courses - Start on March 3, 2025 and space remains in several of their classes. Check the list to see if you would like to enroll for semester 2.

Save the Dates!

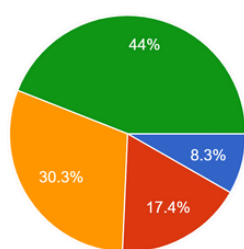
- March 8, 2025 - South West Regional Skills competition
- April 16, 2025 - EPIC (Exploring Possible Industries & Careers) DAY
- April 30, 2025 - EXPLORE Trades and Careers - 2nd annual career expo - Ft. Macleod
- Mid May 2025 - Dual Credit course lists for 2025-2026 will be available - Registration deadline is typically June 15 for fall semester
- May 6, 2025 - RhPAP health care career exploration event - Crowsnest Health Centre
- May 5 - 9, 2025 (events/times TBA) - Collegiate Experiential Days, PEAKS campus (Crowsnest Pass)



THE SURVEY SAYS:

Over 100 of our LRSD grade 12 students responded to a short survey about their plans after graduation. We discovered that 96.5% of our respondents are planning to pursue some form of post secondary studies within 5 years of graduating high school, with 85.6% of those students preferring to stay within Alberta for their college, polytechnic or university studies. Over 60% of our grade 12s plan to start their post secondary education in September 2025 with another 35% opting to begin studies in 2026 or 2027. Students are definitely looking for quality educational programming with a variety of outcomes from one year certificates to four year degrees.

If you answered YES to some type of post-secondary in the future, what is your preferred length and type of program?
109 responses



- 1 year CERTIFICATE program
- 3-4 year APPRENTICESHIP program
- 2-3 year DIPLOMA program
- 4 year DEGREE program



DEADLINES APPROACHING...

Schulich Scholarship Nominees - 1 per high school must be submitted by January 29, 2025. If you are a grade 12 student considering attending one of 20 universities to study a STEM program in September 2025, talk to your school principal to see if you may be considered for this \$100,000 - \$120,000 award.

U of A Getaway. ALL GRADE 11 students considering University of Alberta can apply to win a free weekend (with travel subsidy) at U of A's Augustana Campus in Camrose, Alberta. Applications must be submitted by January 31, 2025.

EXPLORE Students aged 13+ who would like to experience French language and culture (no previous French level is required) are invited to apply before FEBRUARY 1st. See Lettie for more details on this amazing and low-cost adventure opportunity in BC, AB, QC, NS, NB.



Junior Forest Rangers Students (aged 16 -18 as of July 1, 2025) who are interested in a great job within Alberta forests this summer, should start applying on February 1st, 2025. The applications are accepted up until April 1st, 2025. See Lettie Croskery if you would like some assistance with your application.

