

Introducing...

VICTORIA PARK HIGH SCHOOL

“Lethbridge Alternative Schools and Programs”

Background

Administration has recommended a restructuring of how the Lethbridge School District No. 51 will offer Knowledge and Employability, alternative and outreach programs. The first stage of the change, approved by the Board last year, was to offer grade 9 K & E courses at Winston Churchill High School and LCI in 2009/10, and expanding the K & E offerings at the two high schools and Chinook High School in each subsequent year so that grades 9 – 12 will be offered by 2012/13.

Trustees approved a recommendation to close the BLT facility at the end of the current school year, resulting in the Lethbridge Outreach High School and Community Outreach School integrating with the programs currently offered in Allan Watson High School.

Because the extent of the programs being offered in the facility will be broadened significantly, it is believed that a rebranding is appropriate. The rebranding involves determining an appropriate name for the umbrella of non traditional schools and programs the district offers to support students and for the facility currently called Allan Watson High School

“Victoria Park” was suggested as a name with Lethbridge roots, while also giving the school a fresh start. Victoria Park is a designated City of Lethbridge south side neighbourhood that is generally bordered by: Highway 3 to the north, 12 Avenue to the south, 13 Street to the west, and Mayor Magrath Drive to the east. Also, the south side’s Gyro Park was originally called Victoria Park. **Victoria Park High School** is not only a simple and memorable name, but it also gives us an opportunity to celebrate our connection with Lethbridge’s past as we look forward to a successful future.

Our Belief Statement

“We believe that our students are unique and capable learners who deserve a spectrum of creative opportunities to achieve success in a safe and caring, respectful, and supportive environment that will provide them with the skills for now and in the future.”

Our Students

The students we will serve as an integrated campus in 2010-2011 include the same students who currently attend Lethbridge Outreach High School and Allan Watson High School. Students will be placed at Victoria Park High School through a referral process very similar to the process currently in place.

Factors which may be at play in the lives of our students include:

- Needing to schedule work around a job
- Pregnant and Parenting Teens
- Difficulty learning in large classes
- Students with attendance challenges

- Students with a lack of appropriate social skills
- Family or Social Services Issues
- Mental Health or Physical Health issues
- Substance Abuse Issues or Criminal Activity

Victoria Park Programming

Each student will create a personalized program in consultation with their advisor and access the necessary supports from subject area teachers in different ways.

This personalized instruction will be offered in 4 Modes of Instruction:

Independent

Distance Learning Courses (either by print or online)

Similar to the delivery currently offered at LOHS.

Guided Independent:

Distance Learning Courses in a guided setting with a Teacher /Support Staff to various degrees of structure as needed by the student.

Supported

Teacher facilitated learning for a student who need an attendance based, supported program.

Classroom setting.

CTS / PE / Special Projects / Work Experience

Complementary courses and experiences delivered by block, daily activity, or module based.

For example: Foods. Bike Repair. Shop

Looking Ahead

Currently Allan Watson Staff and Lethbridge Outreach Staff along with District Staff are participating in working committees for various aspects of our upcoming integration, such as:

1. Facility: Reconfiguration of Instructions Spaces, School Sign, Entry
2. Technology: Student Information Systems, Combining technology
3. Referral: The referral, placement and intake processes
4. Naming: Including Branding, PR
5. Resources: Teacher / Student / Library
6. Services: Counselling and Student Supports
7. Finance and Office Procedures
8. School Climate
9. Special Education
10. Work Experience
11. Educational Programming
12. Social Committees and Clubs for Staff, Students and Victoria Park Families

We look forward to you joining us on this journey!