



TEACHER GUIDE

GRADE 6 POLICE SCHOOL



Ride along for a week of adventure and empowerment with YouthLink Police Officers in our four-day police school program. Join your students as they learn first-hand about the role of Calgary Police in our community, how to stay Safe for Life, and discovering their potential as community leaders.

Connecting Youth with Calgary Police

In this guide, you will find important information to assist you in preparing for attending the YouthLink Police School Program.

The guide includes:

- An overview of what to expect in this new and improved police school program, including new activity and content offerings.
- Options for additional activities for your class post-program.
- Additional important information about how to access the field trip resources, FAQs, and providing feedback to the program.

Curriculum Connections

One of the main priorities of all YouthLink school field trip programs is to ensure strong curriculum connections between our programming, and the Alberta curriculum. Our content and activities in this field trip experience are specifically designed to cover learning outcomes in the Alberta Grade 6 Wellness curriculum.

For a list of the main curriculum connections between our program and the Alberta Grade 6 Wellness curriculum, please see the “Curriculum Connections” document under “Preparation Materials” on the teacher website (link below).

What to expect on a typical police school day:

The following is a typical police school day, to give you an idea of what to expect! Please note that activities can change due to scheduling changes or late busses.

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We will start each day with a team building activity to get to know each other, increase communication skills, and gain confidence throughout the week. Following this, a typical morning in police school may have a special guest experience, such as a visit from K9 or the HAWCS unit, and an activity to learn more about police work and their role in the community.

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Every afternoon will typically include some guided exploration of our engaging museum spaces. Our officers will also facilitate our four S4L workshops throughout the week, on the topics of gangs, healthy relationships, drugs, and cyber safety. We like to end each day with a reflection activity, to help students to process learning, and make meaningful connections to their own lives.

How to Use the Teacher Resources

You will find all of the resources and materials needed to prepare for the field trip on this following private website:

www.youthlinkcalgary.com/police-school-field-trip-documents/

Program Preparation Materials:

This section of the website contains all of the supporting materials you will need before the field trip, including:

- A letter to give to parent/guardian chaperones attending the field trip, and a field trip info letter to send home to families prior to your field trip date.
- The program curriculum connections,
- A list of materials for students to bring to the program.

Post-Program Materials:

This section of the website contains the following:

- A PDF copy of our Smart Choices Checklist, that you can print for your classroom.
- A link to our student survey- **please complete this with your students after attending our program.** We depend on these survey results for our program funding.
- A teacher resource sheet, with more resources to share with your students should they approach you with an issue or crisis that you are supporting them with, and want to connect them with some community organizations.
- Optional activities to extend learning in each of our four S4L areas, in your classroom.

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Where do I find the program lesson plans and other resources?

- www.youthlinkcalgary.com/police-school-field-trip-documents/

When will my pre-call be scheduled, and my bus booked?

- Our Police School facilitator will reach out to you three-four weeks before your program week to book the bus with you.
- Our Police School Facilitator will then be reaching out to you by email two weeks prior to your program week to go over the final details of the experience. At this time we will confirm your arrival and departure times, student numbers, behavioral and accessibility concerns.

Are there any associated costs with Police School?

There are no costs associated with police school! We will be booking your bus, and providing all programming materials. The only things we require students to bring are a packed lunch each day, indoor shoes, and weather-appropriate clothing.

Is the program taught by Police Officers?

Yes! The program is taught in collaboration with our two YouthLink officers, and program facilitator.

Will my class get to experience special Calgary Police guest speakers during police school?

We do our best to schedule special guest speakers for each Police School class, however we ask for your understanding if guests need to cancel as they try to accommodate us around their busy and sometimes unpredictable schedules. If a guest speaker does cancel, our Police School team has exciting, alternative police-related activities to fill those spots.



Feedback

We welcome all feedback to keep our programs current and relevant. We kindly ask teachers and parent/guardian chaperones to fill out a program feedback report that you will be given at the end of your field trip. Please feel free to send us an email with additional feedback.

We look forward to hosting you and your class in the upcoming school year! Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

Please direct any questions or concerns to:

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