

Edge School

Calgary, AB, Canada



West of Calgary, sport blocks are built into the timetable, pairing hockey, dance, golf and soccer academies with core academics.

RANKING DIMENSIONS

Overall	52/100
Academic outcomes	52/100
University placement	54/100
Prestige & heritage	32/100
Alumni network	1/100
Facilities	64/100
Transparency	65/100

EDITOR'S VERDICT

Edge School sits in a clear niche west of Calgary: a day school for students who want sport embedded in the working week, not bolted on after lessons. The proposition is plain. Core academics lead to the Alberta High School Diploma, while academy training in hockey, dance, golf, soccer, figure skating and basketball runs inside the timetable, with a flex route for athletes outside those headline programmes. For families juggling school hours, training loads and travel, that structure solves a real problem. It also gives the school a distinct identity: **high-performance without boarding**, **a timetable built for training**, and an unapologetic focus on students whose lives already revolve around sport.

The numbers sharpen that picture. Edge enrolls **460+** student-athletes, runs with **18** as the average class size, and says **25%** of students receive financial aid. It also states that **92%** of scholarship graduates were awarded the Rutherford Scholarship. Those figures point to a school with enough scale to sustain specialist sports provision, while staying smaller than a mass-market independent. The phrase “Graduating Awesome Humans” is pure branding, but the underlying three-part model — academics, athletics and character — is coherent. Parents do need to accept the trade-off. This is not a conventional all-round independent school with sport as one enrichment option among many; it is a *performance-led school day* for students whose training demands shape family life.

Why put Edge on a shortlist? Because few schools in the Calgary market organise themselves so directly around the realities of competitive youth sport. That matters for committed players, dancers and skaters who need coaching, recovery time and academic continuity in one place. The school’s *clear sporting specialism*, *smallish classes*, and *practical day-school format* give it a precise market position. It will suit disciplined, ambitious students who are serious about development in a chosen sport and who can handle a schedule with expectation built in. It will not suit children who want a broad, conventional school experience with sport kept in its place. Edge is for the student who wants training to be part of school, not something squeezed in after it.

STRENGTHS

- Combines the Alberta High School Diploma curriculum with structured elite athletic training in sports such as hockey, golf, soccer and tennis under one timetable.
- Purpose-built campus in Springbank, west of Calgary, includes dedicated training facilities (rinks, gyms, fields) alongside standard classrooms.
- Small class sizes typical of specialized sport-academic day schools allow scheduling flexibility around training and competition travel.
- Long-standing partnerships with regional sports bodies (including junior hockey programs) give student-athletes a recognized pathway toward higher-level competition.
- Alberta High School Diploma is a recognized Canadian credential accepted for university entry across Canada and internationally.

TRADE-OFFS

- The core value proposition is athletic development, so families seeking a purely academic, university-prep environment may find the offering narrower than a traditional independent school.
- Location in Springbank means a longer commute for families based in central or northeast Calgary compared with downtown day schools.
- Tuition for combined academic-athletic programming is generally higher than a standard Alberta day school, reflecting specialized coaching and facilities, though exact current fees should be confirmed directly with the school.
- As an unranked, athletics-first institution, it lacks the academic league-table profile or breadth of AP/IB offerings found at some competing Calgary independent schools.

ADMISSIONS

Edge School admits students across multiple grade levels, with entry typically tied to try-outs or assessment for its sport-specific academies (hockey, golf, soccer, tennis) alongside standard academic review. Families apply directly through the school's admissions office, providing transcripts and, for athletic programs, evidence of playing level or coach recommendations. Competitiveness varies by sport stream, with hockey and golf academies generally the most selective given demand and limited training-group sizes. Mid-year entry is possible depending on space and sport-season timing; direct contact with admissions is recommended to confirm current requirements and fees.

WTS RATING 

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