



## **Calmar Secondary Collegiate School Program Overview**

In fall 2025, Calmar Secondary School will open its doors as Calmar Secondary Collegiate School. Collegiate education is focused on supporting career pathways for students through planning and partnerships. Our collegiate journey will begin within the trades as we open the door to our new 5000 ft<sup>2</sup> shop space, where we will have students working towards completing their first year technical training (AIT Exam) in Carpentry, Electrical, and Pipe Trades. In future years, the Collegiate will expand into other foci to support more career pathways within Black Gold.

Providing a pathway will be a process that takes place over the course of a student's High School program. Students will be given the opportunity to sample each of our trades over the course of their first two years in the program in order to refine their focus, and will culminate in completing first year training in a trade of choice in their grade twelve year. A general overview of each year of training can be found below:

### **Year 1 (Grade 10) - Trades Exploration 10**

Students will complete a full grade ten academic program while having the opportunity to explore our three trade foci through several trade trips throughout the year. Prior to these trips, students will be required to complete learning modules in order to prepare them for trips to partner shops in Edmonton. During these hands-on activity days, students will be able to engage in career exploration in industry-standard shops with ticketed instructors.

### **Year 2 (Grade 11) - Trades Skills 20**

In grade eleven, we will focus on preparing students to explore employment within the Registered Apprenticeship Program. Students will work within the Collegiate Shop in one of the semesters of the year. During this time frame, students will receive instruction from ticketed instructors and will spend equal time in the semester in each of the three trades. This experience will give students an excellent basis for determining an eventual focus area in one of the trades in their grade twelve year. This program will also provide students with skills that will help them as they enter the workforce.



### **Year 3 (Grade 12) - Period 1 Trades Training 30**

During this phase of Collegiate programming, students will have the opportunity to enter into a 60-day program in one of the three trade foci, culminating in the writing of their AIT exam, which provides students with their first year technical training certification. This program will be delivered by Red Seal Journeypersons. The completion of this training allows students to enter the workforce following High School and work for the equivalent of two apprenticeship years instead of returning to school after one year of equivalent hours. This training will also provide a strong base of skills and knowledge that is attractive to future employers.

Calmar's first offering within the Collegiate realm is a unique opportunity for students to receive post-secondary level instruction within a secondary school. While the intent of this program is to support those individuals wanting to enter into the trades, all those who access level one and two programming will leave with an excellent understanding of all three interrelated trades that will benefit them as they prepare for their lives after high school.