

GRADE 1

¡Look at me, I'm in first grade! This is the beginning of an exciting journey. All first graders take eight required subjects: Art, English and Spanish Language Arts, Mathematics, Environmental Literacy, Health and Life Skills, Music, Physical Education and Social Studies.

Children are curious, ask thought-provoking questions and are excited about the world around them, proud of their discoveries and excited to discover even more. At Rex Canadian School, our students are exposed to all the skills outlined in the Alberta, Canada curriculum as well as those dictated by the Department of Public Education.

Our "goal-centered" approach means that learning in all subjects is interconnected. This means that students not only acquire subject matter knowledge, but are also given the opportunity to demonstrate that they can apply it in real-life contexts and transfer the skills acquired during class.

85% of the class is in English and taught by a certified Canadian teacher and the rest of the day the SEP program is taught by a bilingual Mexican teacher.

Our program identifies children as strong, resourceful and capable learners and citizens. This vision reaffirms the right of every student to be heard, treated with respect, and to be a participant in the daily decisions that involve him or her.

Integral Approach

At Colegio Rex we value our students and aim to educate them holistically. This goes beyond a set of knowledge or skills that we expect our children to acquire at the end of their stay with us. Our goal is for all our students to be happy and healthy, independent, respectful, communicative, community oriented and problem solvers.

WHY CHOOSE REX CANADIAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL?

We believe that the school experience is important to inspire a passion for learning, so we base our curriculum instruction on four basic principles:

- 💡 How students learn is as important as what they learn.
- 💡 Students learn best when they are actively engaged in reading, writing, speaking and observing.
- 💡 Students need to cultivate knowledge and be challenged to think critically and creatively.
- 💡 Teachers must identify and meet the different needs, abilities and learning styles of students.

At Rex Canadian School we love to talk about education. Staff can provide more detailed information about the curriculum upon request.

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Based on a bicultural curriculum, our program focuses on the following subjects:

LANGUAGE ARTS

What are words and how can I use them? How can I speak well with others and know that I am using the right words? First graders see why words are important and how they can be used to create beautiful stories. Your first grader will experience the fun of communicating, learning, and expressing themselves.

MATH

Build foundations through addition and subtraction operations. Your child will count to 100 in different ways and describe and estimate quantities up to 20. They will relate numbers to their everyday life and find geometric shapes in their environment. Your child will solve problems related to numbers, patterns, and measurement.

SOCIAL STUDIES

What is a community? How do I fit in? What are some stories from the past? Your child will gain an understanding of the benefits and responsibilities of living in a community, while appreciating the differences of others. They will also explore the history of their family and community.

SCIENCE

Do you know why fall is my favorite season of the year? First grade science will foster your child's natural sense of wonder about the world as he learns about seasons, colors, and living things. Using his hands, his senses, and his mind, your child will make exciting discoveries and satisfy his curiosity.

HEALTH AND LIFE SKILLS

I won't forget to wash my hands! First graders see the importance of establishing healthy habits, eating well and following safety rules at home and at school. They understand that they can be good friends by taking turns, being kind and sharing. They also learn to set goals to work toward.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

What are the benefits of an active lifestyle? Your child will participate in a variety of activities that will help him or her lead a healthy and active lifestyle. He or she will grow to appreciate the importance of physical activity, while discovering essential life skills such as cooperation, leadership, fair play and teamwork.

ART/MUSIC

How are things created? In first grade, your child will create visual art using a variety of media and techniques and begin to think about the meaning of visual symbols.
Let the music move you! Your child will explore and describe the sounds around them, noting whether they are loud or soft. They will echo rhythms and express their feelings using action songs, singing games, and rhythm instruments.