



PROFILED PROGRAMS

DISCOVERING CHOICES:

Outreach programs are for students who find that regular school programs and services do not meet their needs. To encourage students to continue in school and complete their high school diploma, the Calgary Board of Education has four outreach programs. The programs also provide students with additional services such as personal and career counseling, conflict resolution, anger management techniques, time management and study skills, parenting skills and learning strategies.

- > **123 students graduated in June 2011**
- > **52 students completed high school while receiving financial support**
- > **23 students where financial support was 'key' to their academic achievement**
 - o Sample of needs being addressed:
 - Bus passes and tickets
 - Safeway gift cards
 - Lunch program
 - Rent
 - Post-secondary applications
 - Special equipment

DISCOVERING YOUR OPPORTUNITIES (COMMITMENT COACH DEMONSTRATION PROJECT – 2011):

Discovering Your Opportunities is a five week program designed for expectant and young mothers between the ages of 15 to 19. The program provides participants with the opportunity to earn high school credits, develop a career and life plan, further their education, connect with others for support and gain valuable work experience. In 2011, two commitment coaches were added to provide one-on-one assistance to address education and employment barriers, work closely with participants and their families to interrupt the 'cycle of crisis' they often experience, and assist participants in the development of action plans and setting goals for future education or employment, among others.

HIGH SCHOOL BURSARY FUND / BURNS MEMORIAL FUND:

The High School Bursary Fund, through Burns Memorial Fund, supports high school students to stay in school and graduate. The program is for Calgary high school students who are within two semesters of graduating from grade 12, and require financial assistance to continue their education. A basic living allowance is provided to assist students in covering expenses such as rent, food and transportation. However, the program can also assist students with school fees, diploma preparation courses and post-secondary application fees. Attendance and marks are monitored monthly. In the 2010-2011 school year, 56 students received high school bursaries. These are high-risk students, living in poverty and faced with a variety of complex challenges.