10 Great Reasons to Study in Lethbridge!

1) Safe, Welcoming Community:
   - Lethbridge is a small city of approximately 100 000 people
   - low crime rate
   - clean, friendly environment
   - parks, recreational facilities, bicycle trails, shopping, art galleries, museums, live theatre, movie theatres

2) Location:
   - 2 hours’ drive from Calgary International Airport
   - 5 minute drive from Lethbridge Airport
   - 1 hour's drive from the Rocky Mountains to the west
   - 1 hour’s drive from the US border to the south

3) Fabulous weather:
   - Lethbridge has an average of 320 days of sunshine every year
   - blue skies!
   - warm Chinook winds in the winter give us milder winters than most places in Canada
   - very little rain in spring and summer, and little snow in winter

4) Focus on Academics:
   - in last 3 years, 100% of long-term students have graduated and gone on to post-secondary studies, most in North American institutions
   - International Baccalaureate program and Advanced Placement courses for students who qualify
   - English as a Second Language courses
   - small class sizes

5) Choices:
   - 4 high schools, one of which is faith-based (Protestant Christian)
   - Optional courses such as career and technology (information technology, design, food, fashion, automotives, construction) and fine arts (band, choir, drama, dance, visual arts)
   - Co-curricular activities: basketball, volleyball, Canadian football, rugby, curling, golf, badminton, cross-country running, track and field, wrestling, baseball, drama, dance, as well as a variety of other clubs
   - Students who graduate from Lethbridge School District can apply to study at Lethbridge College or The University of Lethbridge
   - Arts Academy (drama, music, dance, art) available
   - Cooperation with highly acclaimed Judo Club located in Lethbridge
6) Modern Schools:
- All schools built or renovated within last ten years
- All schools equipped with 1-2 gymnasiums, fitness centres, outdoor recreation areas, cafeterias, comprehensive libraries and student work areas

7) Up-to-Date technology:
- Free high speed WIFI in all schools for academic purposes
- Classrooms equipped with SmartBoards
- All schools have access to computers for student use
- Parents can check student progress and attendance from home country

8) Excellent Homestays:
- welcoming homes where students become one of the family
- inspected by homestay relationship manager before and during stay
- homestay relationship manager also works in International Services office
- 24/7 homestay support
- organized by Canada Homestay Network which has hosted tens of thousands of students across Canada since 1995

9) Strong support for International Students, Families, and Agents:
- advisor teachers in each school
- vice principal oversees international students in each school
- International Services Office offers personal service, usually answering inquiries within 24 hours
- homestay relationship manager checks in with students and families to ensure all is going well

10) Value:
- small program, therefore great opportunity to improve English skills
- school fees include textbooks, locker rental, special supplies required for classes
- Alberta has 0% provincial sales tax
- most teachers have at least 5 years of university training. Many teachers also have a master's degree
- less expensive than programs in larger communities