

# Winnipeg Adult Education Centre Community Report 2019-2020

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## Our Purpose

Winnipeg School Division provides a learning environment that fosters the growth of each student's potential and provides equitable opportunity to develop the knowledge, skills, and values necessary for meaningful participation in a global and diverse society.

## Our Vision

Is for current and future people learning and working within Winnipeg School Division to be:  
**Engaged, Confident, Inspired, and Successful Learners.**



## About our school

The Winnipeg Adult Education Centre (WAEC) consists of a main campus, the Adolescent Parent Centre, four Adult Learning Centres; Kaakiyow li moond likol, the WAEC Off-Campus Site, Taking Charge of Academics, T.E.R.F. (Transition, Education & Resources for Females) and an off-site English as an Additional Language Program. Each of these sites serves a different demographic of our student population.

The WAEC offers high school educational opportunities to adult students seeking to complete a grade 12 diploma, upgrade for post-secondary and/or strengthen employment opportunities. Since 1968, the WSD has operated the WAEC as a strategy to improve graduation rates in the WSD. It also serves as an anti-poverty strategy improving educational outcomes for hundreds of Indigenous and Newcomer students. Primarily offering the Mature Student Diploma, approximately 200 students graduate per year and hundreds more upgrade to meet post-secondary requirements. Many students also use their diploma to improve their prospects for entering the work force. The Adolescent Parent Centre provides high school education to pregnant and parenting adolescents and young women. Child Care is provided for students while they attend school. Three significant initiatives have been implemented this year to address the challenge of engagement and credit attainment. The WAEC offers a true continuous intake model, is implementing PLAR and launched a Learn Anywhere model bringing curriculum to students electronically including streaming classes.

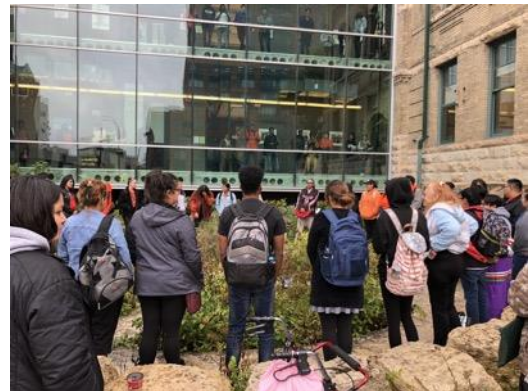
The Winnipeg Adult Education Centre- "Learning Happens Here."



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# Highlights

- During the COVID 19 Pandemic and the suspension of classes the WAEC provided a robust online program including live streamed lessons, online resource support, small group virtual meetings, blogs and instruction and assessment through online platforms.
- The WAEC hosted a day of celebration for our graduating students. This included diploma presentation, a graduation cap and tassel as well as having their picture taken on our front lawn with a WAEC graduation sign.
- 178 students graduated in June 2020 and many more took advantage of opportunities to upgrade for entrance into the workforce or post-secondary education.
- Continuous Intake Program that allows students to register at any time and increases student engagement and credit attainment. This program provides instruction and assessment, mentorship and collaboration opportunities.
- Daily resource support in core subject areas.
- Cohort skill building program that focusses on preparing students for credit courses and providing opportunities for success.
- Food Fridays' where students are provided with coffee and snacks
- Free breakfast offered to students during exams
- Holiday dinner served by staff to all students
- Career Exploration Program saw the Career Advisor meet individually with over 100 students to discuss their job
- Continued growth of our Learn Anywhere initiative bringing curriculum to students electronically.
- Active blog sites on course material including video tutorials and lessons.
- Website student tab that includes instructor approved links and student spotlight section
- Online instruction, assessment and support for all courses
- Students were educated on Traditional Plant Use and the medicinal properties of plants native to Manitoba and in our own Circle Garden
- Orange Shirt Day Celebration
- Inuit and Metis class presentations on cultures
- Field trips to Manitoba Museum, Winnipeg Art Gallery, Human Rights Museum, Law Courts, RRC Open House and Fort Whyte
- CPR Emergency First Aid training for students
- Biology Students participated in the 4 day Bio Youth Program where they had the opportunity to explore and experience biomedical science in a world class research center.
- Science students participated in the Arctic Science Day at Fort Whyte where they were able to take part in hands on learning led by experts in the areas of environmental science.
- Canadian politician, nurse, educator and entrepreneur Uzoma Asagwara, presented to staff and students.



## Priorities for 2019-20

- To provide robust and comprehensive education, equitable access, diverse opportunity and a supportive learning environment for all students.
- To improve student engagement and credit attainment.
- Further improve school attendance and graduation rates through the exploration of additional programs and strategies.
- To further develop initiatives and innovative approaches addressing individual student needs and accessibility requirements, mental health issues, childcare needs, and nutritional needs.
- To further develop communications and partnerships with the communities we serve.
- To increase enrollment of indigenous students and credit attainment.
- To strengthen and enhance sustainable development.



## Priorities for 2020-21

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- To provide robust and comprehensive education, equitable access, diverse opportunity and a supportive learning environment for all students.
- Increase enrollment of Indigenous students and credit attainment.
- Continue to infuse Aboriginal topics and themes into class instruction and school activities.
- Language development program for newcomers to develop language skills for entry into the workforce and post-secondary institutions.
- Continue to expand our Continuous Intake Program to accept students into credit courses throughout the school year.
- Continue to expand and strengthen our online platform with our Learn Anywhere initiative including online curriculum, instruction, assessment and student support.
- Focus on expanding our technology resources and usage for instruction and assessment.
- Further improve engagement and credit attainment through the exploration of additional programs and strategies.
- Implementation of professional learning communities focused on current best practice in instruction and assessment to adapt to the evolving needs of our student community.
- Student presentations on topics related to entry into the workforce, post-secondary education, mental health and wellness, cultural exploration and nutrition.
- To further develop communications and partnerships within the community.

# Parent and community involvement

- School membership to Canadian Museum for Human Rights allowed hundreds of students from all sites to access the galleries
- WAEC Student PD Conferences at the Red River Community College
- Community garden partnership Kiwanis Chateau
- Frontier School Division-work education placement
- Remembrance Day ceremony at Booth College
- Winnipeg Police Service recruitment visit
- Winnipeg Libraries presentation
- Physical Education program in collaboration with the Downtown YMCA
- University and College visits to promote post-secondary options for students
- Partnership with Winnipeg Transit offering student bus passes
- Orange Shirt Day celebrated
- Visit to Red River College Open House
- Gowns for Grads
- Booth College Partnership Scholarship
- Driver Education classes
- Participation in the Manitoba Virtual Career Fair
- Expansion of our Learn Anywhere model and online learning platforms
- Participation in the Winnipeg School Division Food Security Initiative
- Participation in the Winnipeg School Division Access to Technology Initiative



## APC Programs:

- Healthy Baby
- Healthy Start for Mom and Me
- Families First
- Career Trek
- The M Project
- Project Choices
- Remembrance Day Service
- Orange Shirt Day
- Women in Science
- Healing Lodge
- Prenatal classes
- Teen Health Clinic
- Boonstra Farm
- Red River College Nursing Students Health Fair
- Introduction to Indigenous crafts, beading
- Common course – Human Ecology
- Family Studies, Food & Nutrition mandatory
- Positive Parenting Family Support Nights