→ Newcomer Parent Guide

Overview

What can I expect from Manitoba schools?







→ Our team

Our team meets the needs of families. Parent, student, and community voices help shape schools to help your child learn and develop.

High expectations are set for all schools with The Public Schools Act (Manitoba).

Schools are supported by Manitoba Education and most schools belong to a **school division** with its own elected **school board**.

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Every school is required to give your child an excellent education.

Together, we help meet the needs of every child.



→ Our schools

What schooling options are there for my child?

Public schools use the Manitoba curriculum and are organized into school divisions. All schools are operated by the Manitoba government.

Independent schools include funded and nonfunded schools that meet provincial requirements for that school type. Funded schools use Manitoba curriculum. Non-funded schools are not required to use Manitoba curriculum. If your child attends a school that uses Manitoba curriculum, they can graduate with a Manitoba diploma.

Home schools provide the opportunity to learn at home. Home schools must meet provincial requirements and contact Manitoba Education.

In schools, the official languages of instruction are English and French. Ask your school about languages of instruction, bilingual programs, and language courses.





Who might help my child at school?

We care about your child.

Safe and caring learning environment. Schools are places where everyone feels accepted and safe.

Student, family, and community voices. All ideas, questions, and concerns are important to help all children and communities.

Lifelong learning. Learning is important at all ages. Schools help students develop their interests and career goals.

Diversity, equity, and inclusion. Everyone has different experiences and ideas to share. Together, our schools are better.

Indigenous perspectives and reconciliation. It is important to learn about the histories, traditions, and life of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit peoples.

Supports

How can schools help your child?

Ask your school about student services and other supports.

Ask about...

- → English and French language programming
- → Health and well-being services
- → Planning and programs for students with special learning needs
- → Extracurricular programs and summer school



What will my child learn?

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