

# Winnipeg Adult Education Centre Community Report 2020-2021

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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; 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 education 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 185 students graduate per year from WAEC 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 and provides childcare 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 RPL (Recognizing Prior Learning) and streams many of its classes, allowing students access to content outside of a traditional class setting.

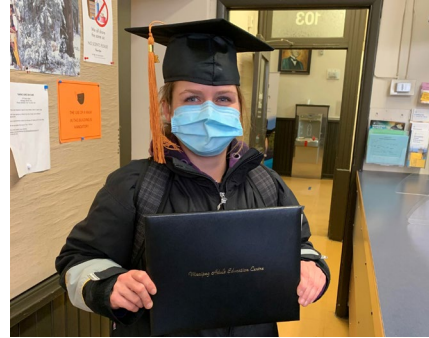
The Winnipeg Adult Education Centre- "Learning Happens Here."



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# Highlights

- During the COVID 19 Pandemic, WAEC continued to provide a robust online program including livestreamed lessons, online resource support, small group virtual meetings, and instruction and assessment through online platforms
- Following COVID 19 protocol, WAEC hosted 3 days of celebration for our graduating students. This included an individual diploma presentation with cap and gown for each graduate
- 180 students graduated in June 2021 and many more attended classes to upgrade for entrance into the workforce or post-secondary education
- Manitoba Adult Language Training for Immigrants (MALTI) program began in September 2020 and provides language attainment classes for EAL students
- Continuous Intake Programming increases student engagement and credit attainment. This program allows students to register at any time and provides instruction, assessment, mentorship and collaboration opportunities
- Daily resource support in core subject areas. Our resource program includes both in-person and virtual support
- Cohort program for beginning students that provides the skill building opportunities needed for advancing to credit courses
- Career Exploration Program saw the Career Advisor meet individually with over 84 students to discuss their job
- Website student resource tab that includes instructor approved links and student spotlight section
- Students are educated on Traditional Plant Use and the medicinal properties of plants native to Manitoba and in our own Circle Garden
- Orange Shirt Day Acknowledgement
- Food Security programs that allow students to access healthy food on a weekly basis





## Priorities for 2020-21

- 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, credit attainment and graduation rates.
- To strengthen and enhance sustainable development



## Priorities for 2021-22

### Highlights

- 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
- Community garden partnership Kiwanis Chateau
- Virtual Remembrance Day ceremony
- Physical Education program in collaboration with the Downtown YMCA
- University and College visits to promote post-secondary options for students
- Partnership with Manitoba Adult Language Training for Immigrants (MALTI)
- Partnership with Winnipeg Transit offering student bus passes
- Orange Shirt Day celebrated
- Booth College Partnership Scholarship
- 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:

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| • Healthy Baby                     | • Indigenous programming                              |
| • Healthy Start for Mom and Me     | • Food & Nutrition / Family Studies mandatory courses |
| • Families First                   | • Family Support Nights                               |
| • Career Trek: The M Power Project | • Remote Learning using Google Classroom              |
| • Project Choices                  | • Parenting Support                                   |
| • Remembrance Day Service          |   |
| • Orange Shirt Day                 |   |
| • Healing Lodge                    |   |
| • Prenatal classes                 |   |
| • Teen Health Clinic               |   |