



MANITOBA
FIRST NATIONS
SCHOOL SYSTEM

TEACH FOR **FIRST NATIONS**

George Saunders Memorial School



Established by
Manitoba 
First Nations Education
Resource Centre Inc.



Manitoba First Nations Education Resource Centre Inc. is guided by the following vision and mission statements:

VISION

Support First Nations to develop and implement a comprehensive holistic educational system inclusive of First Nations languages, world views, values, beliefs, and traditions with exemplary academic standards, under First Nation jurisdiction.

MISSION

To help First Nations improve education for all learners to achieve: *mino-pimatisiwin*.

Cree, Ojibwe, Ojibwe-Cree

To help First Nations improve education for all learners to achieve: *honso aynai*.

Dene

To help First Nations improve education for all learners to achieve: *tokadakiya wichoni washte*.

Dakota

WELCOME



On behalf of the Manitoba First Nations Education Resource Centre (MFNERC) Board of Directors, I am pleased to present you with this George Saunders Memorial school information package. I extend my appreciation to everyone involved in gathering and providing information to make this project possible.

Teaching at George Saunders Memorial school will provide you with a unique and valuable career, as well as many new life opportunities. The Manitoba First Nations School System (MFNSS) is excited to work with you as you begin a new journey in your teaching career.

Ekosani,

Chief Clarence Easter
Chemawawin Cree Nation
Chairperson | Board of Directors



On behalf of the MFNERC and the MFNSS, we are excited to share this information package with teachers who are interested in joining us to work with First Nations students in Manitoba.

This information package aims to connect motivated and knowledgeable teachers to our innovative school system. This particular package highlights the many benefits of working with the community of York Factory First Nation and the opportunities available at George Saunders Memorial school.

We hope to hear from you soon, and look forward to answering any questions you have about the exciting career opportunities available.

Ekosani,

Lorne C. Keeper
Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation
**Executive Director | Manitoba First Nations
Education Resource Centre**



Surrounding Land

Where is York Factory First Nation?

York Factory First Nation is nestled along the eastern bank of the Nelson River in Manitoba. The community is (175km) east of Thompson and (937 km) north of Winnipeg.

Service Centres

York Factory First Nation is a remote community. Ilford is (34km) east and Split Lake is (31km) north on a winter road. There is limited access using the ferries in the summer months and the ice road in the winter.





George Saunders Memorial School

Mission statement

Mino pimatisiwin

Translated from Cree:

“Living the good life.”

Demographics

Student: 108

Staff: 35

Teachers: 10

Grades

Nursery – Grade 9

School time

9:00 a.m. – 3:20 p.m.

Community Population

Registered – 1,433

On-reserve – 433

Language

Cree

Council

Keewatin Tribal Council

Treaty

Treaty 5

Temperature Range

Average Summer: 21 °C

Average Winter: -25 °C (windchill can make it feel like -40 °C)

Having appropriate outdoor winter clothing is necessary.





School Specialty Areas



Classes offered

George Saunders Memorial School offers a variety of educational programming, including land-based curriculum and Cree language and culture classes.

Events

York Factory First Nation hosts a winter carnival every year. It is a perfect time to bond with other community members, make new friends, and create memories that will last a lifetime.

Extracurricular activities

Students and teachers are encouraged to participate in extracurricular activities. Music and sports programs are some of the activities offered to students.

Facilities

Student facilities

George Saunders Memorial School students have access to a gymnasium, computer lab, science lab, and a library.

Teacher facilities

Teachers have access to a staff lounge and all student facilities.

Renovations/upgrades

The school is currently under a full renovation, which includes a new building addition.

Wi-Fi/cellular service

Wi-Fi is available at the school. There is no cellular service at the school.



Classroom



Nursery



Teacher Responsibilities



What is George Saunders Memorial School looking for in a teacher?

George Saunders Memorial School is looking for teachers who are dedicated and committed to providing high quality education.

Teachers should be willing to commit to the position for several years.

Average day

Teachers start at 8:30 a.m. and finish at 4:00 p.m.

Teachers are expected to act as role models for the students and demonstrate leadership skills.

Other responsibilities

Teachers are also responsible for recess and lunch supervision. Teachers and staff ensure the safety of the students during school hours.



Teacher Accommodations

Teacherages

Accommodations are provided by the school for teachers.

Distance from the school

Teacherages are located within 200m from the school.

Wi-Fi/cellular service

Wi-Fi is available. There is no cellular service in the teacherages or in the community.





Community Life



Church

Highlights

Residents of the community welcome everyone who relocates to the community.

Community life

Residents of the community spend most of their free time interacting with nature. Whether it is hunting, fishing, canoeing, cross country skiing or snowmobiling, there is always something to do.

Services

York Factory First Nation offers all essential services including a gas station and general store. Additional services are available in surrounding communities and the city of Thompson (200km) southeast via the ferry and the winter road.



Ferry



Fire Hall



Community Directory

Band Office

Phone: 1-204-341-2180

Fax: 1-204-341-2322

Health Centre

Phone: 1-204-341-2325

Fax: N/A

School

Phone: 1-204-341-2118

Fax: 1-204-341-2235

Education Authority

Phone: 1-204-594-1290

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