

BUFFALO BAY

SAKAMOOSTOS WASAW

ACADEMY



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WE ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE OPENING OF OUR
FOUR DISTINCT **SPECIALIZED ACADEMIES**



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ARTS MUSIC SPORTS & LAW

LAND, AIR, WATER, FIRE

Our commitment to holistic education extends beyond the classroom, preparing our students for a fulfilling and balanced life enriched by arts, music, sports, and a deep connection to the land.

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Knowledge Ever Increasing.



BUFFALO BAY ACADEMY IS OPEN FOR
GRADES 8-12

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WHO WE ARE

Buffalo Bay Academy continues to be an autonomous school. We offer technology-enhanced classrooms to support both traditional and new methods of teaching, offering students in Grades 8-12 a unique blend of the Nêhiyawak way of learning. This blend incorporates Arts, Music, Sports, and LAW teachings through full accreditation by Alberta and our Elder Knowledge Keepers.

We have two streams in our academy and they are our Grades 8-9 Junior High and 10-12 High School.



Location

At Kapawe'no First Nation our Buffalo Bay Academy is Grades 8-12 school, situated in the proximity of Kapawe'no First Nation within its ancestral lands along the sacred shores of Buffalo Bay, in Grouard. Here, the land itself serves as a classroom, connecting our students to their ancestral roots.

KNOWLEDGE EVER INCREASING

Mission:

To advance higher education rooted in Knowledge Ever Increasing with ancestral wisdom, harmonizing tradition with academics.

Vision:

To be a center for excellence where tradition and innovation converge, equipping graduates to contribute locally and globally.



LEARNING PHILOSOPHY

"Where tradition fuels the future, we create a distinct path to wisdom and growth." This philosophy is backed by the latest research in cognitive science and learning psychology, leading to ever-increasing knowledge and understanding.

UNIQUE FEATURES

- Customized Curriculum: Now featuring blended online and in the classroom courses to enable personalized pacing and greater subject exploration.
- Cultural Affinity: Expanded to include new programs in indigenous botany, astronomy, and seasonal rites and ceremonies.





GOVERNANCE

While operating under the Kapawe'no First Nation's Governance Codes, our expanded virtual learning environment also allows for a more diversified student body, maintaining our autonomy to serve even more effectively.

CURRICULUM

Buffalo Bay Academy is fully accredited by Alberta Education and follows the global standards for instructional time. We offer a minimum of 950 instructional hours for Grades 8-9 and 1,000 hours for Grades 10-12, consistent with Alberta Education standards and Kapawe'no First Nation governance requirements. To enrich these hours, we've incorporated flexible, additional online modules that can be accessed during extended weekends or evenings.

This maintains our alignment with the rigorous learning standards while offering our unique blend of traditional and innovative learning experiences.



CORE ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

The core subjects now feature adaptive learning technology to provide a highly personalized educational experience, deeply integrated with Nehiyawak teachings.

INNOVATIVE CURRICULUM ELEMENTS

- Four Pillars Focus: Arts, Music, Sports, and LAW academies offer certification courses and internship opportunities to students, fully integrating these pillars into daily learning.
- Virtual Reality (VR) Learning: Virtual field trips to sacred sites and augmented traditional storytelling are integrated into the curriculum, preserving tradition in a new form.
- Traditional Knowledge Keepers: In addition to in-person teachings, there are also live-streamed sessions where Elders and experts provide real-time learning experiences.



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MORE ABOUT
BUFFALO BAY ACADEMY

“Fostering a learning environment with ancestral wisdom and contemporary knowledge to face and shape tomorrow’s challenges.”

JUNIOR HIGH GRADES 8-9

Sakamoostos Wasaw (Buffalo Bay Academy) Junior High School Grades 8 to 9 offer students the traditional core classes of English Language Arts, Mathematics, Social Studies, and Science. Our Physical Education program is enhanced with a unique land-based education component known as Land, Air, Water, Fire (LAWF). Through this program, students learn about the indigenous relationship to the land and engage in traditional teachings of the Nehiyawewin Language and Ceremony.

All sports academy activities will be after school and not running during the day, only theory and physical education classes will be offered during the day.

Students will be given an initial choice for their Elective and will stay in that elective for 3 months then rotate to their next elective every 3 months for a total of 4 electives.

Students who arrive at school at or before lunch will work on the work assigned from the classes missed.

There will be contracts for all Academy participants that must be signed before a student can participate.

Students must have 80% attendance and a minimum of 80% grade average to be eligible for sports and events at Buffalo Bay Academy. We will work with students to achieve such grade point averages. Academics and athletics will be the focus of Buffalo Bay Academy while providing a balanced learning environment.

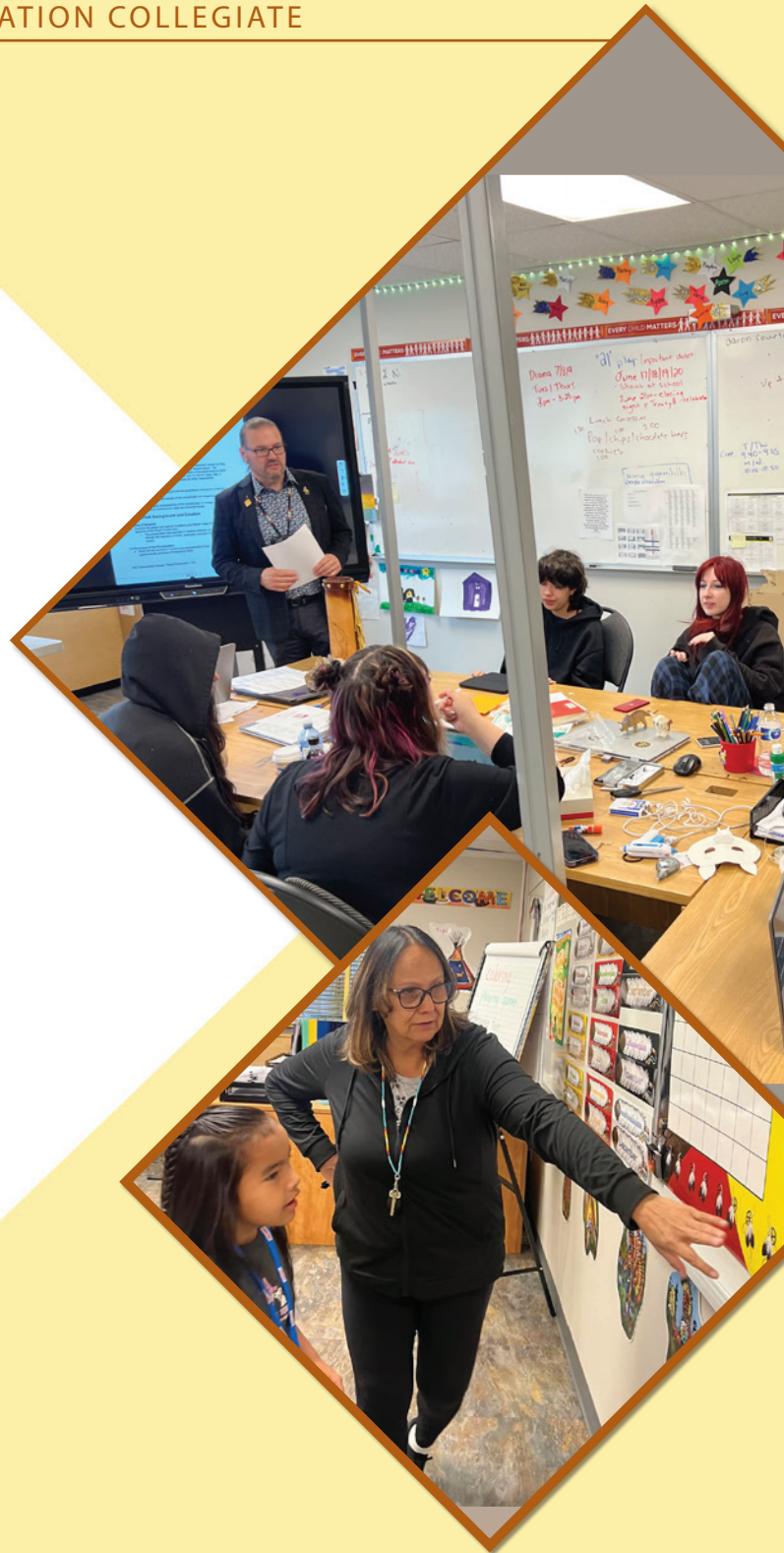


HIGH SCHOOL GRADES 10-12

Sakamoostos Wasaw (Buffalo Bay Academy) High School Grades 10 to 12 offer students Comprehensive Learning Offerings. Buffalo Bay Academy High School provides a robust and diverse curriculum for students in Grades 10 to 12. We offer all core classes, including English Language Arts, Mathematics (up to and including Calculus), Social Studies, and a full range of Sciences (Science, Biology, Chemistry, Physics). Our Physical Education program is comprehensive, offering courses at all levels along with specialized sports courses such as Hockey Theory, Sports Management, and Healthy and Confident Athlete along with our Sports Academy.

Furthermore, Grades 10 to 12 begins with our distinctive feature of our curriculum is our "Indigenous History" program, highlighted by the locally developed Osawapiskaw Asapap (Ooh-saw-wahp-skaw Ah-sah-pahp) or "Golden Thread" course. This course allows students to delve into the rich history and contributions of the Nehiyawak. Additionally, students have the opportunity to build and strengthen their identity through our Nehiyawewin courses.

Buffalo Bay Academy High School is committed to providing an education that not only meets academic standards but also fosters cultural awareness and personal growth among our students.



ACADEMIC STREAM - CORE

Buffalo Bay Academy's "academic stream" is a specialized core program designed to prepare high school students for success in "college and university." The program offers a rigorous curriculum that emphasizes critical thinking, problem-solving, and advanced academic skills. Students in the academic stream

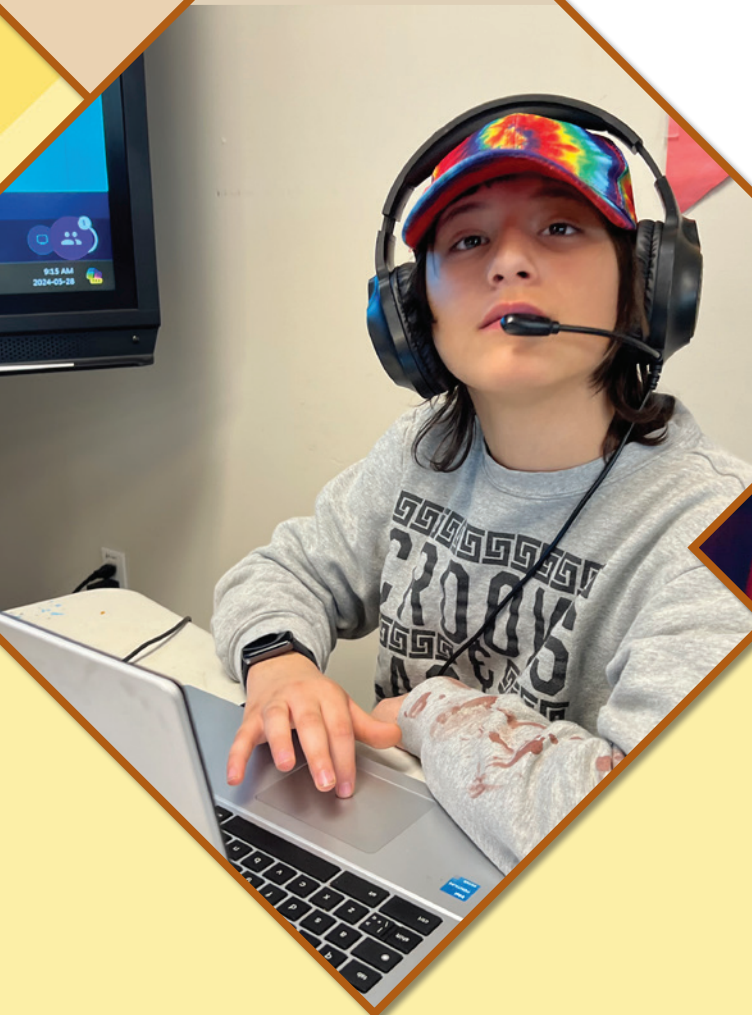
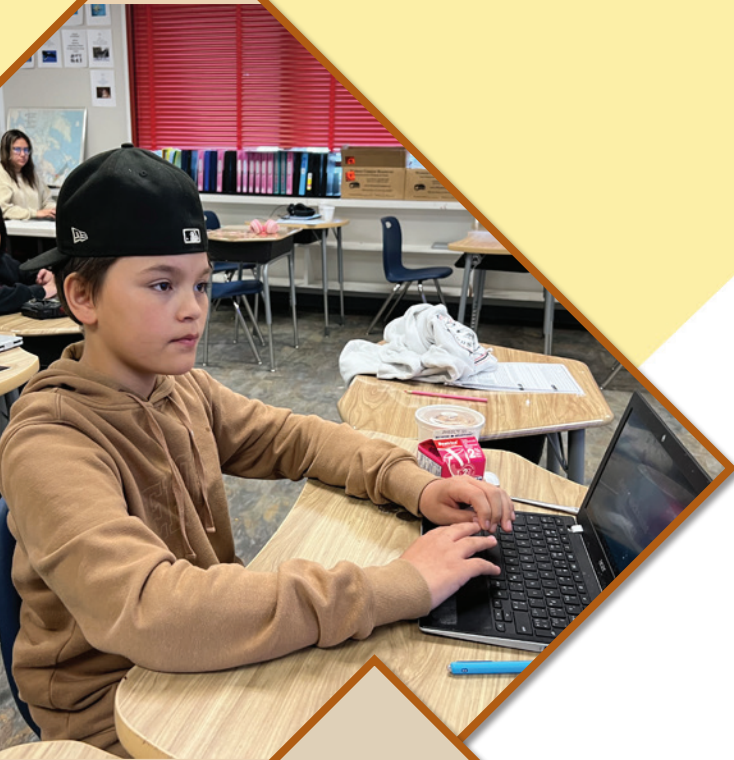
have access to specialized courses, enrichment opportunities, and personalized support to help them achieve their academic goals. By participating in the academic stream, students are equipped with the local knowledge, skills, and confidence needed to excel in college and university programs.

PRACTICAL STREAM

Buffalo Bay Academy's "practical stream" is tailored for high school students aspiring to pursue "trade schools and training programs." The program offers a comprehensive curriculum that not only focuses on academic subjects but also incorporates practical skills relevant to various trades.

Students in the program have access to specialized courses, hands-on training, and career guidance to prepare them for success in their chosen trade. The program emphasizes the development of technical skills, problem-solving abilities, and work ethic, ensuring that graduates are well-equipped to excel in trade schools and training programs and embark on successful careers in their chosen fields.

***Students who attend the Academic or Practical stream, once students have achieved 100 credits with all the "REQUIRED" courses, will graduate with an Alberta High School Diploma. All students "Credentials" will be confirmed through PASI through Alberta Education that a student has met all the requirements to graduate.



KNOWLEDGE AND EMPLOYABILITY STREAM (K&E)

Buffalo Bay Academy's "Knowledge and Employability Stream" is specifically designed for high school students with special needs and learning challenges. The program provides a supportive and inclusive learning environment tailored to meet the unique needs of each student. The curriculum focuses on developing essential life and employability skills, such as communication, problem-solving, and teamwork, to help students achieve success in both their personal lives.

Through individualized learning plans, small class sizes, and specialized instruction, the Knowledge and Employability Stream aims to empower students with the tools and confidence needed to overcome challenges while giving the students the skills needed to lead productive lives.



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