



# BUFFALO BAY

SAKAMOOSTOS WASAW

# ACADEMY



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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.

kiskêyih tamowin  
wîhkâc yahki

Knowledge Ever Increasing.



BUFFALO BAY ACADEMY IS OPEN FOR  
**GRADES 8-12**

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# BUFFALO BAY ACADEMY

SAKAMOOSTOS WASAW

## WHO WE ARE

Sakamoostos Wasaw (Buffalo Bay Academy), known for Team Kapawe'no Muskwak is a Grade 7-12 specialized school that is part of the Kapawe'no First Nation (KFN) Collegiate. We offer technology enhanced classrooms to support both traditional and new methods of teaching, offering students a unique blend of nêhiyawak pîmachîmowîn. This blend incorporates academics with Arts, Music, Sports, and LAWF teachings through full accreditation by our sovereign ways, Alberta Education and our Elder Knowledge Keepers and accreditation.

We have two streams in our academy and they are our Grades 7-9 Junior High and 10-12 High School through in person and hybrid learning.



*kiskêyihitamowin wîhkâc yahki*  
*Knowledge Ever Increasing*





## MISSION:

To enrich learning rooted in kiskêihtamowin wîhkâc yahki blending ancestral lyînistîwin with academics and athletics.

## VISION:

Fostering a learning environment with ancestral lyînistîwin and contemporary knowledge to face and shape tomorrow's challenges.

## LOCATION

Nestled within the ancestral lands of the Kapawe'no First Nation, the Kapawe'no First Nation Collegiate's main and ancillary buildings stand alongside Buffalo Bay, connecting the waters of Lesser Slave Lake with buffalo bay, located 29 km from High Prairie. The Trans Canada Trail traverses our territory between the lake and the Nation. The territory has served as a meeting place for our ancestors for hundreds, if not thousands, of years.



## LEARNING PHILOSOPHY

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This philosophy is backed by the latest research in cognitive science and learning psychology, leading to knowledge ever increasing and understanding.



## CURRICULUM AT BUFFALO BAY ACADEMY

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 7-9 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. The 80/80 rule for attendance and academics will be fully in place.

## INNOVATIVE CURRICULUM ELEMENTS

- **Balance with Technology to Enhance Learning:** Education in person or online that finds the balance between meaningful person to person interactions and using technology to improve communication and enhance learning.
- **Traditional Knowledge Keepers:** In addition to in-person teachings, there are also live-streamed sessions where Elders and experts provide real-time learning experiences.
- **Four Distinct Pillar Academies:** Arts, Music, Sports, and LAWF academies offer certification courses and internship opportunities to students, fully integrating these pillars into daily learning.





# OUR SPECIAL ACADEMIES

Our Specialized Academy's mission is that we are committed to joint empowerment of our students for Lifelong Learning success by offering a comprehensive curriculum enriched with the wisdom of our nêhiyawak pîmachîmowîn.

- Arts Academy
- Music Academy
- Sports Academy
- LAWF Land, Air, Water, Fire)
- Learning Nehiyawewin
- Nehiyawak Pimachimowin - Cree way of Life

## SPORTS ACADEMY

At our Sports Academy, students excel at competitive (Grades 7-12) and developmental (Grades K-6) levels by balancing academics with a variety of athletic activities. This dual commitment promotes growth, teamwork, and discipline. Participation in sports enhances focus and physical fitness while fostering valuable life skills through the STEPS program. Our programs teach students the importance of self-belief, hard work, collaboration, and resilience, preparing them for future challenges both in and out of school.

- Pimotatowin – Archery
- Pakahatowin – Baseball
- Muskimut Pakahatowan – Basketball
- Pakamatohowin – Boxing
- Pakamapiswewin – Golf
- Miskwami Mitawiwin – Hockey
- Kwaskwaskinatowew – Lacrosse
- Mitawewin – Soccer
- Eta Kapimpatak – Track & Field
- Kwaskwitowan kapakamahoht - Volleyball





## LAND, AIR, WATER AND FIRE

Our Learning through LAWF (Land, Air, Water and Fire) and nêhiyawak pîmachîmowîn offers a unique opportunity to connect with traditional nêhiyawak skills in the environment itself. Students learn valuable hands-on skills such as medicine picking, fire-building, shelter construction, ice-fishing, land navigation, archery, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, wilderness first-aid, team-building, firearm safety, and survival skills.

## OUR LANGUAGES

- Nêhiyawêwin
- French
- English



## JUNIOR HIGH GRADES 7-9

Starting in the 2025-2026 school year, students will have the opportunity for hands-on experience with our new Construction and Welding program. Additionally, we are excited to introduce innovative programming such as "E-Sports" and "Dungeons and Dragons/Root Game," which promote literacy and numeracy in engaging ways.

To ensure students can focus on their academics, our Sports Academy programming will now take place after school hours. This structure allows students to balance their educational and extracurricular interests effectively.

We offer Academic Stream which is core, practical stream and sports academy and junior high school electives. Please scan the QR code and see which courses we offer.



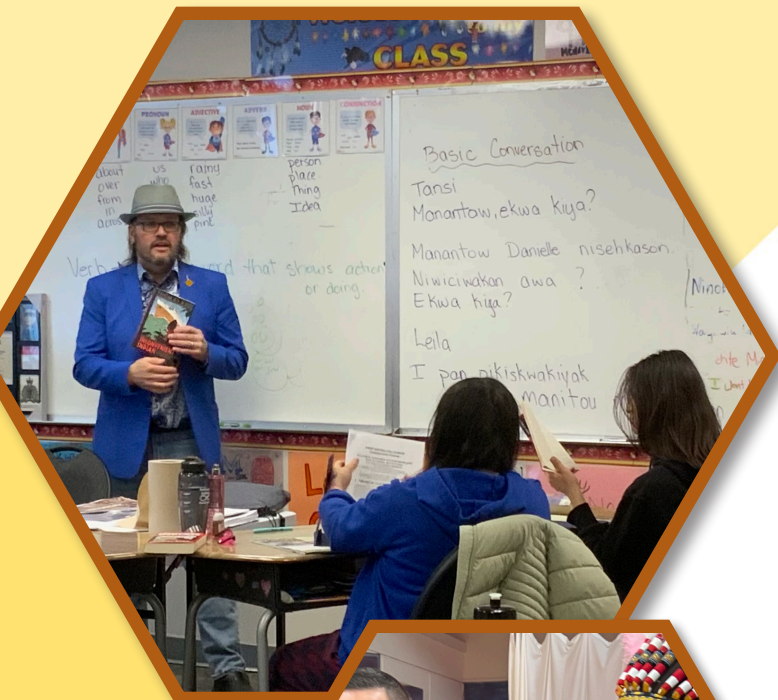


## Sakamoostos Wasaw (Buffalo Bay Academy) Junior High School Grades 7-9

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 practices will be during school along with games and tournaments after school hours, all 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 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.

We offer Academic Stream which is core, practical stream, knowledgeable and employability stream, and high school electives. Please scan the QR code and see which courses we offer.

### 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.







### 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 and from Kapawe'no First Nation accredited diploma.

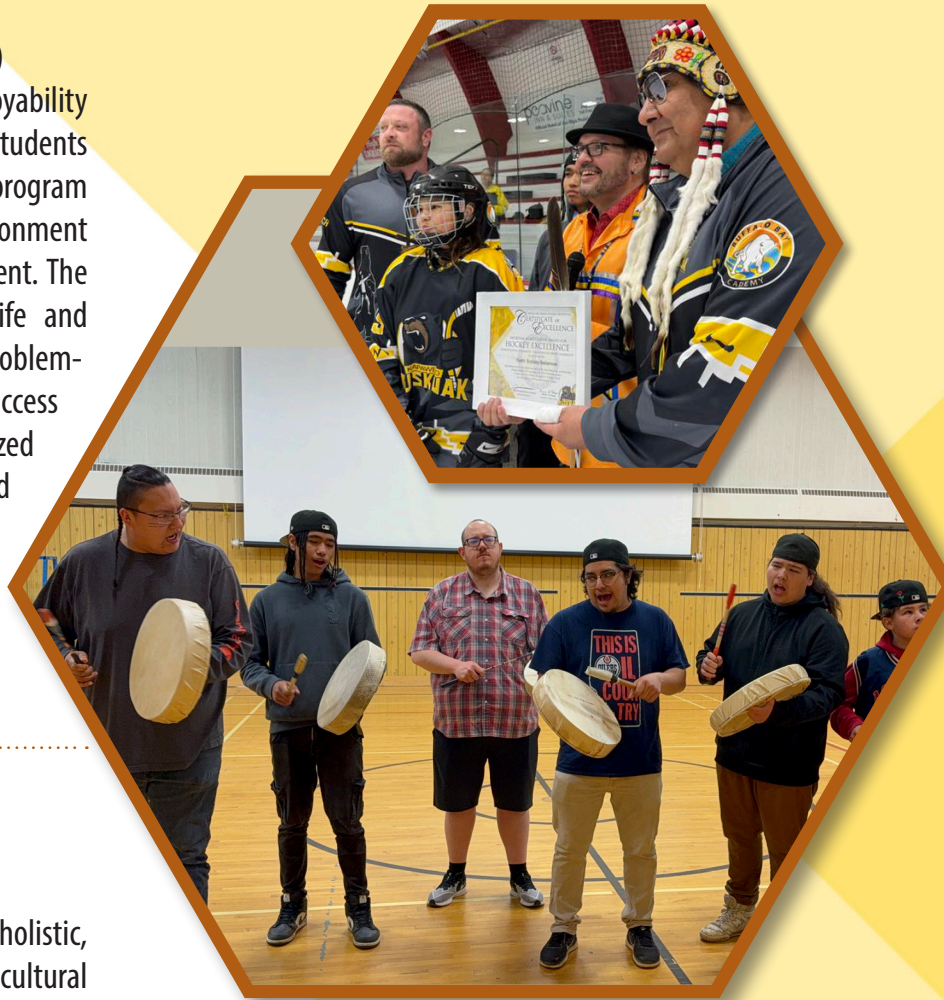
All students "Credentials" will be confirmed through PASI through Alberta Education that a student has met all the requirements to graduate.





## 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.



## ADMISSIONS

Our admission process is very important as holistic, considering applicants' academic and cultural contributions. They are also in line with the open and inclusive admissions policy at Kapawe'no First Nation Collegiate. When you sign up with us, we ask you to sign a commitment declaration for the entire year. This reflects our dedication to your learning and growth at all levels.

Your admissions cost is managed through the nominal roll process with Canada and Alberta. In our Arts, Music,

and Muskwak Sports program, athletes are responsible for apparel and specialty equipment costs, such as pant shells or shorts, gloves, helmet, and take-home jersey if available. Equipment fees are set in August each year. Trip costs are included in the tuition fees to Canada and Alberta.

## CONTACT US



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