

2018

WELCOME TO

**KiHS**



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# Welcome to KiHS

A winter scene with snowshoers in a snowy field. A large, faint graphic of a hand is overlaid on the image. The background shows a line of evergreen trees under a clear sky. In the foreground, a person in dark winter gear and a red hat is adjusting their snowshoes. In the middle ground, another person in a blue jacket is visible, and further back, a third person is walking. The overall atmosphere is bright and crisp.

# School History



Keewaytinook Internet High School was created in 2000 at the request of the chiefs of Keewaytinook Okimakanak (Northern Chiefs Tribal Council). The chiefs saw that there were many issues with the practice, at the time, of sending youth out of their communities to attend high school in Thunder Bay, Sioux Lookout, or Dryden. Many felt these students were too young to be away from their families and communities. Thus, KiHS began as a grade 9 program. In the years since, it has evolved into a full grade 9 to 12 program for on reserve youth and mature students. Since 2006 there have been many graduates of KiHS, both young and mature, and the range of choices offered to students has grown to surpass the choices they have in most urban schools.



# How it works

KiHS students attend their community classrooms and work on a variety of courses using the online platform Moodle.

Their community teacher is responsible for supporting students in their courses, and also for developing and delivering courses online in their subject area. Thus, a teacher in North Spirit Lake might be working with her local students in a variety of courses, while at the same time delivering English courses to all KiHS students in all communities. This is possible because the instruction is asynchronous, meaning the lessons are not delivered live. Students have access to the entire week's work starting on Monday and work at their own pace to complete the work.



# A Day in the Life of a Teacher

KiHS school day runs from 9 am until 4:30 pm, with one hour off for lunch from 12 – 1 pm.

Typically, teachers and students all go home for lunch. It is expected that KiHS teachers will arrive at school by 8:30am. Additional hours are often required in the classroom, to provide extra homework help and to manage course writing and marking and administrative duties. KiHS classrooms span two different time zones (eastern and central).





Courses offered by KiHS



## KiHS by the numbers

### Classes offered

KiHS offers over 75 courses in most subject areas, from grades 9 to 12, in all three academic streams.

- 15 English courses
- 12 mathematics courses
- 14 science courses
- 5 business courses
- 3 Native language courses
- 1 Native studies course
- 4 health and physical education courses
- 7 humanities courses
- 9 Canada/world studies courses
- 7 Art, music, tech, guidance and career studies courses
- Co-operative education and special education services



### **KiHS school population**

240, with classrooms ranging from 12 to 30+ active students

### **Number of Partner Communities**

13 full partner communities as well as several credit purchase partnerships, in which KiHS offers certain classes to students in those communities.

### **KiHS staff**

- 14 community teachers
- Special education resource teacher
- Co-op and PLAR (Prior Learning Assessment Recognition) coordinator
- First Nations Student Success Program Literacy Lead
- FNSSP Numeracy Lead
- 2 administrative assistants
- Student services coordinator
- ICT co-ordinator
- 5 classroom assistants
- Principal and vice-principal
- Native language lead
- Graduation coach
- 2 student wellness workers



# Important Dates

## **August orientation (Thunder Bay)**

August 27-30

## **Travel to community**

August 31

## **Term 1**

Sep 4 – Oct 26

## **Term 2**

Oct 29 – Dec 21

## **Christmas holidays**

Dec 22 – Jan 6

## **Term 3**

Jan 7 – Mar 8

## **PD Week**

Feb 11 – 15

## **March Break**

Mar 11 – 15

## **Term 4**

Mar 18 – May 17

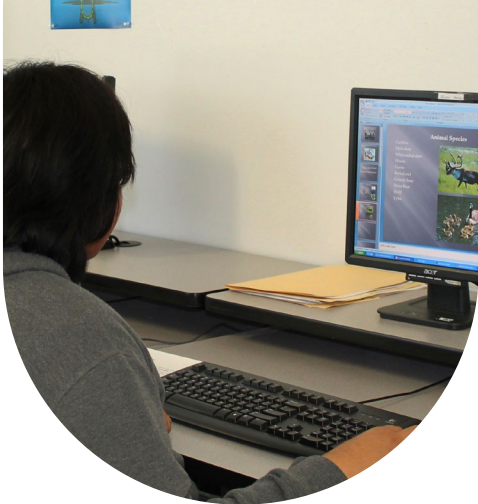
## **Graduation**

May 22

## **Summer Vacation**

begins May 25





# KiHS Directory

All staff numbers can be dialed from the IP phone in the classroom, or using the toll free number:  
1-800-387-3740

**Principal**  
Kevin Dempsey  
– 1394

**Vice-Principal**  
Freda Kenny  
– 1300

**Secretary**  
Erin Litwin  
– 1298

**Special Education**  
Mark Hindermeier  
– 1357

**ICT Co-ordinator**  
Aaron Hardy  
– 1353

**Student Services**  
Ayano Dempsey  
– 1313





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