

WELCOME TO

KiHS



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Welcome to KiHS

A person wearing a black winter jacket, a red and black helmet, and yellow snowshoes is standing in a snowy field. They are holding a long pole or stick. In the background, there are other people in winter gear and a line of evergreen trees under a clear sky. A large, stylized, light blue hand graphic is overlaid on the image, with fingers spread, reaching towards the top right.

School History



Keewatinook Internet High School was created in 2000 at the request of the chiefs of Keewatinook 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

The KiHS school day runs from 9 AM until 4:30 PM, with an 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 8:30 AM. 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 number

Classes offered

KiHS offers over 80+ courses in most subject areas, from grades 9 to 12, in all three academic streams.

- 17 English courses
- 12 Mathematics courses
- 14 Science courses
- 5 Business courses
- 6 Native language courses
- 1 Native studies course
- 4 Health and physical education courses
- 8 Humanities courses
- 9 Canadian studies courses
- 7 Art, music, technology, guidance and career studies courses
- Co-operative education and special education services



KiHS school population

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

Number of Partner Communities

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

KiHS staff

- 16 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
- 4 classroom assistants
- Principal and vice-principal
- Land based education lead
- Native language lead
- Graduation coach
- 3 student wellness workers



Important Dates

August orientation (Thunder Bay)

August 23 - 26

Travel to community

August 27

Term 1

Aug 30 - Oct 22

Term 2

Oct 25 - Dec 17

Christmas holidays

Dec 18 - Jan 3

Term 3

Jan 4 - March 11

PD Week

Feb 14 - Feb 18

March Break

March 14 - March 18

Term 4

March 21 - May 20

Graduation

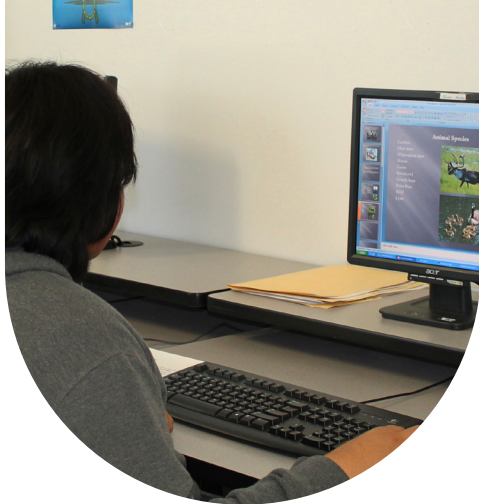
May 25

Summer Vacation

begins May 26

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

Angela Batsford-
Mermans
– 3005

Vice-Principal

Sarah Johnson
– 1556

Secretary

Erin Litwin
– 1298

Special Education

Melissa Black
– 1357

ICT Co-ordinator

Jason Clement
– 1353

Student Services

Lynda Mamakeesic
– 1313

Comparing

Services and Programming at KiHS, Community High Schools, and Urban High Schools

	KiHS	Community High School	Urban High School
Community-based Including support from family and friends	x	x	
Ministry inspected	x	x	x
Land-based activities	x	x	Limited
Cultural activities	x	x	Limited
Access to courses at all levels (locally developed, applied, academic, college prep, university prep, workplace)	x		If provincial schools, yes
Elective courses, such as art and music	x	Limited	Sometimes
Course content tailored to community	x	x	
Intramural sports		Very Limited	x
Extracurricular activities	x	x	x
Elder support	x	x	Limited

	KiHS	Community High School	Urban High School
Native language program	x	x	Limited
Field trips	x	x	x
Graduation ceremony and celebrations	x	x	x
Access to student support services (e.g., guidance, student wellness workers, speech language pathologists)	x	x	x
Special education program	x	x	x
PLAR program	x	Sometimes	x
Breakfast program	x	x	x

KiHS is a Ministry inspected school that uses a blended-learning model to delivery over 80 courses to students in 15 partner community. Similar to an urban high school, the secondary school offers locally developed, applied, and academic courses in grades 9 and 10, as well as compulsory and elective courses in grades 11 and 12, including university preparation courses. As a community-based program, it has the ability to offer students land-based and cultural activities, as well as support from local elders.



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