

Date: December 20, 2023 **Agenda Item:** 8.2

To: Board of Trustees

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Governance Policy: [Policy 700: Superintendent of Schools](#)

Assurance Domain: Student Growth & Achievement
Teaching & Leading

Superintendent Leadership Quality Standard (SLQS)
SLQS Competencies ([SLOS](#) / [Board Policy 700](#)):
Building Effective Relationships
Leading Learning
Ensuring First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Education for All Students

Subject: **Summary of Programs Available Across Sturgeon Public School Division**

Purpose:

For information.

Background:

Every child is unique. In Sturgeon Public School Division, families have access to a wide array of programs designed to meet the diverse interests and needs of all students while following Alberta's program of study.

Programs of Choice and Alternative Programming

Programs of choice provide students access to unique educational experiences such as French Immersion and Christian (LOGOS) Education. Alternative programming allows students to learn in alternate settings such as outreach and distance learning, or with modified outcomes, such as Knowledge and Employability.

- Adult Education
- French Immersion
- Home Education
- Knowledge & Employability Courses
- LOGOS Christian Program
- Open Air Kindergarten
- Off-Campus Education
- Outreach Programming

- Various Academies, including:
 - Hockey
 - Performing Arts
 - Animal Wellness
 - STEAM
 - Innovate
 - CISCO Networking
 - Recreation
 - Sports (Various names)
- Virtual Learning at SPVA

Specialized Programs

More than 600 students within Sturgeon Public School Division have been diagnosed with special needs. The Division provides a full range of specialized programs* that serve students with behavioral, communication, intellectual, learning and physical disabilities.

Wherever possible, first consideration is given to serving students with special needs through reasonable accommodations in a regular classroom setting in their designated catchment school. All students identified with learning or developmental needs are supported through the development of an Individualized Program Plan (IPP), implemented primarily by classroom teachers in cooperation with the child's parents.

- Pre-Kindergarten Programming
- Specialized Programming in K to 12
- CASA Classroom

*All specialized programs are accessed by referral to Learning Services.

Administration is prepared to respond to questions at the December 20, 2023, Public Board meeting.

Attachment(s):

1. 2023 2024 Programming in Sturgeon Public Schools.



Programming in Sturgeon Public Schools 2023-2024

Early Years Programming

Pre-Kindergarten programming is available to students within Sturgeon Public who have various needs identified, including speech language or learning delays. The following schools offer Pre-Kindergarten Programming:

- Bon Accord
- Camilla
- École Morinville Public
- Guthrie
- Landing Trail
- Legal
- Ochre Park

Open Air Kindergarten is an optional program with additional hours that follows the Alberta Curriculum while incorporating enriching outdoor learning experiences. This year it is available for students in the Namao catchment area.

Programs of Choice

Programs of choice provide students access to unique educational experiences such as French Immersion, Christian (LOGOS) Education. These are not offered in all Sturgeon Public Schools.

French Immersion

Sturgeon Public Schools offers students and families a comprehensive French Immersion program. This begins at École Morinville Public for grades 1 to 4, continues at Four Winds Public for grades 5 to 9, and finishes at Sturgeon Composite High School for grades 10 to 12.

LOGOS, Christian Education

LOGOS education is available for students and families at Landing Trail for grades 1 to 4 and then at Lilian Schick for grades 5 to 9. This is a faith-based, non-denominational Christian approach to learning that allows students to apply Christian morals, values and beliefs into all areas of study.

Alternative Programming

Alternative programming is available for students who may need a modified program or a different mode of learning to be successful. This would include Knowledge and Employability, Outreach, Online Learning and CASA Mental Health Service classrooms.

Knowledge and Employability (K & E)

K & E courses are designed for students in grades 8 to 12 who demonstrate reading, writing, mathematical and/or other levels of achievement 2 to 3 grade levels below their age-appropriate grade. K & E programming is available in all schools that teach grades 8 to





12 in Sturgeon Public Schools. If there are enough students within a school, these classes will be taught separately from regular classes.

Outreach Centres

An outreach program provides an educational alternative for junior and senior high school students who find that traditional school settings do not meet their needs. Instruction is provided through a variety of methods, including: small group, one-on-one, and online. Sturgeon Public Schools has two outreach centres; one in Morinville and the other in Gibbons.

Virtual Education

Students enrolled in the Virtual Academy will work as part of a grade-level cohort with an assigned online teacher(s). Students will take part in online classes and daily learning activities, including both synchronous and asynchronous learning. To ensure connection, this school also meets most Fridays in person for fun and curricular activities.

CASA (Child, Adolescent and Family Mental Health) Mental Health Service Classrooms

These classrooms are a collaboration between Sturgeon Public Schools and CASA. Students receive individual and group therapy, psychiatric care, medication and school programming according to their individual needs. This is provided by a team of mental health professionals, a specialized teacher and support staff. Currently there are CASA Mental Health Service Classrooms in the following schools:

- Gibbons (Grade 5 to 9)
- Sturgeon Composite High School (Grade 10 to 12)

Specialized Programming

Specialized programming meets the needs of students who have significant disabilities that require specialized supports to engage in their learning and school communities. Specialized programming is available in all schools; however we have specialized classes at

- Namao
- Redwater
- Sturgeon Composite High School

Academy Programming

Academies focus on character building, academics, leadership and skill development in a specific area of focus. Traditional Academies require extra staff and time commitment may extend outside the regular instructional day. In addition, some learning outcomes for curricular courses are met within the Academy time. Currently many schools are starting up Academies. These new Academies do require more time commitment than regular option classes, but not as much time as a traditional Academy. The following list highlights Academy programs by school:





Bon Accord <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Recreation ● Creative 	Four Winds <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sport for Life ● Performing Arts ● STEAM 	Gibbons <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Hockey ● STEAM ● Animal Wellness
Lilian Schick <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sports Recreation 	Sturgeon Composite <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● CISCO Networking 	Sturgeon Heights <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sport and Recreation ● Fine Arts ● STEAM ● Innovate 360

Option Programming through Career and Technology Foundations (CTF-Grade 5 to 9) and Career and Technology Studies (CTS - Grade 10 to 12.)

The career and technology education across Sturgeon Public Schools is exceptional. Here is a current list by school of what courses students can experience. However, these change quickly each year based on student interest and staff expertise.

Programming for Grades 5 and 6, or Grades 7 to 9		
Four Winds <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Robotics ● Archery ● Vinyl Printing ● Digital Citizenship ● Woods ● Foods ● 3D Printing ● Makerspace ● Art ● Musical Theatre/Drama ● Film Studies ● Entrepreneurship ● Student Leadership ● Composing/Recording ● Outdoor Education 	Gibbons <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Board Gamers ● Drama ● Fit 4 Fun ● Leadership ● Introduction to Cooking ● Technology ● Art ● Dance ● Coding ● Academic Skill Builder ● Archery ● French ● Recreational Leadership ● Sports Leadership ● Photography ● Dance and Physical Fitness ● Foods ● Robotics ● Beginner Concert Band ● Advanced Concert Band ● Industrial Arts 	Lilian Schick <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 3D Architecture & Model Design ● Archery ● Basketball ● Media Studies ● Outdoor Education ● Entrepreneurship ● Elite Sports ● Track and Field ● Badminton ● Leadership ● Genius Hour ● Digital Photography ● Foods ● Robotics ● Drama ● Golf ● Journalism ● Art ● Band ● Volleyball ● Yearbook ● Industrial Arts ● Robotics





Programming for Grades 5 and 6, or Grades 7 to 9		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Outdoor Education ● Theatre 	
<p>Camilla</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Outdoor Games ● Leadership ● Makerspace ● Outdoor Education ● Forensics ● Sports Options: Flag Football, Golf, Hockey, Volleyball ● Woods ● Archery ● Entrepreneurship ● Fashion Studies ● Fit for Life ● Foods – Introduction to Cooking, Chef Wars, Baking & Decorating ● Guitar ● Junior High Rock Band ● Cree Language and Culture ● Robotics/Coding 	<p>Guthrie</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Agriculture ● Art ● Band ● Law ● Foods ● Life Sports ● Tourism ● Woods ● Photography ● Grade 7 Preparation ● Film Studies ● Makerspace 	<p>Namao</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Archery ● Academic Skill Builders ● Art ● Arctic Winter Games ● Baking ● Band ● Ceramics ● Court Games ● Cake & Cupcakes ● Cosmetology ● Construction ● Drama ● Entrepreneurship ● Film Studies ● Financial Literacy ● Fit for Life ● Foods ● Indigenous Summer Games ● Leadership ● Music Studies ● Outdoor Education ● Outdoor Field Games ● Photography ● Podcasting ● Recreational Leadership - Basketball ● Recreational Leadership - Court Games ● Recreational Leadership - Field Sports ● Recreational Leadership - Soccer ● Recreational Leadership - Volleyball ● Running Club ● Spanish ● Strategic Games





Programming for Grades 5 and 6, or Grades 7 to 9		
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Stop Motion Animation ● Write Well: Become a Fiction Author ● Yoga
Sturgeon Heights <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 3D Printing ● Archery ● Art ● Academic Skill Builders ● Choir ● Digital Media ● Fashions ● Field Sports ● Foods ● Handbells ● Intro to Theatre ● Leadership ● Learners License Prep ● Musical Theatre ● Outdoor Education ● Racket Sports ● Sports Performance ● Strategic Games ● Team Sports 	Oak Hill <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Animal Studies ● Art ● Computer Technology ● Fit for Life ● Genius Hour ● Leadership ● Makerspace ● Media Studies 	Redwater <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Film Studies ● Tourism ● Photography ● Academic Skill Builder ● Cosmetology ● Art ● Musical Theatre ● Band ● Food Studies ● Construction ● Fit for Life ● Outdoor Games ● Archery ● Dance
High School and Alternate Programming		
Redwater <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Art ● Construction ● Financial Management ● Fashion Studies ● Food Studies ● Health Care Services ● Forensic Sciences ● Sports Medicine ● Instrumental Music ● Wildlife Technology 	Sturgeon Composite <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Art ● Childcare ● CISCO Networking ● Communication Technology ● Construction Technology ● Cosmetology ● Drama ● Fabrication ● Fashion Studies ● Film Studies ● Food Studies ● Forensics ● Health Pathways ● Instrumental Music 	Alternate Learning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Coding ● Film Studies ● Foods ● Health Guidance ● Languages ● Minecraft ● Physical Education ● Photography ● STEAM Courses





Programming for Grades 5 and 6, or Grades 7 to 9

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Leadership ● Mechanics ● Musical Theatre ● Outdoor Education ● Psychology ● Sports Medicine ● Wildlife Technology 	
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Off Campus Programming

Off-campus education presents various pathways for high school students to explore different career opportunities. The Registered Apprenticeship Program offers a unique chance for students to delve into trades and kickstart post-secondary apprenticeship training while completing their high school diploma. Meanwhile, the Work Experience program engages students aged 15 and older in off-campus learning experiences, enabling them to explore potential careers through paid or volunteer positions while gaining practical on-the-job training. Additionally, the Green Certificate Program in agriculture provides structured learning within the high school curriculum, allowing students to earn diploma credits and a valuable credential for potential careers in agriculture or agri-business. Complementing these offerings, dual credit programs focus on career-based high school courses, aiding students in making seamless transitions to further education or entering the workforce. Off Campus Programming is available in all High Schools within Sturgeon Public Schools, and a few Junior High Schools, such as Four Winds Public.

Sturgeon Public Schools has formal dual credit agreements with the following post secondary schools:

- Northern Alberta Institute of Technology (NAIT)
- Northern Lakes College
- Olds College
- Norquest College
- Athabasca University
- Lakeland College

Dual Credit Courses can change from semester to semester. Here are a few that are currently available in any of the High Schools within Sturgeon Public:

- Advanced Welding 1000 (NAIT)
- Educational Assistant Certification (Northern Lakes College)
- Accounting Principles 1 (Olds College)
- Intro to Veterinary Profession (Olds College)
- Solving Technology Problems (Olds College)
- Producing Horticulture Crops (Olds College)





- Marketing Principles (Olds College)
- Introduction to Sports Management (Olds College)
- American Sign Language (Lakeland College)
- Play (Lakeland College)
- Basic Energy Principles (Lakeland College)
- Environmental Sustainability (Lakeland College)
- Hair styling (Lakeland College)
- Introduction to Aesthetics (Lakeland College)
- Health, Nutrition and Safety (Lakeland College)

Bring Your Own Device to School

Bring your own device (BYOD) refers to technology models where students bring a personally owned device to school for the purpose of learning. A personally owned device is any technology device brought into the school and owned by a student or the student's family. Currently Gibbons, Redwater, Namao and Sturgeon Heights have a BYOD program to support student programming.

Clubs and Extracurricular Activities

These activities enrich the life of students while at school. Having a variety of clubs, teams, and extracurricular activities has been shown to promote better attendance, boost executive functioning, and build excitement and belonging in schools. Please check each school website for a specific listing of these activities.





General Programming

Below is a reminder of which grades are covered by each school within each community.

Community	Grades Served	Telephone
TOWN OF BON ACCORD Bon Accord Community School Lilian Schick School Oak Hill School	Pre-K to Grade 4 Grade 5 to Grade 9 Grade 4 to Grade 9	780.921.3559 780.921.2200 780.921.3011
TOWN OF GIBBONS Gibbons School Landing Trail School Sturgeon Learning Centre Sturgeon Virtual Academy	Grade 5 to Grade 9 Pre-K to Grade 4 Grade 10 to 12, Adult Learning Grade 5 to 9, Online	780.923.2240 780.923.2898 780.939.4341 780.939.4341
LANCASTER PARK MILITARY BASE Guthrie School	Pre-K to Grade 9	780.973.3111
TOWN OF LEGAL Legal Public School	Pre-K to Grade 4	780 961 0133
TOWN OF MORINVILLE École Morinville Public Four Winds Public School Morinville Learning Centre	Pre-K to Grade 4 Grade 5 to Grade 9 Grade 10 to 12, Adult Learning	780.939.3445 825.349.0021 780.939.4341
HAMLET OF RIVIÈRE QUI BARRE Camilla School Colony School	Pre-K to Grade 9 K to Grade 9	780.939.2074 780.939.2012
HAMLET OF NAMAQ Namao School Sturgeon Composite High School	K to Grade 9 Grade 10 to Grade 12	780.973.9191 780.973.3301
TOWN OF REDWATER Ochre Park School Redwater School	Pre-K to Grade 4 Grade 5 to Grade 12	780.942.2901 780.942.3625
CITY OF ST. ALBERT Sturgeon Heights School	K to Grade 9	780.459.3990

