



# Frontier School Division **ENGAGED LEARNERS PROGRAM**



**A Hands-On, Alternative Approach to  
Education in Northern Manitoba**

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The **Engaged Learners program** is available to all schools within Frontier School Division. The program was designed to engage students aged 15 to 21, who are non-attenders or highly inconsistent attenders in their home high school.



Students involved in the Engaged Learners Program are bussed to the program facilities where they live for a short period (*typically 2 or 3 weeks*). During this time, students attend classes on a regular basis and participate in a variety of extra-curricular activities.

Classes are focused on life skills (*reading, writing, math*) as well as several trades (*Power Mechanics, Building Construction, Cosmetology, Culinary Arts and Early Childhood Education*), in the hopes that students can find an area they would like to pursue.

**We realize that all students are different and therefore require individualized approaches.**

Some students are interested in returning to school, some to the workforce and others back home to their families. We strive to provide the best education for each student regardless of their past by instead, focusing on their future.

In addition to course work, students are also immersed in a variety of extra-curricular activities during the evenings and weekends. These include shopping trips, movie nights, card tournaments, hockey games and more. Evening activities are engaging and entertaining as they help build a sense of community and promote social development in all students.

To date we have had great success with our program and many of our graduates are now attending school full-time or are actively employed.

*The Engaged Learners Program begins in September and (weather permitting) starts with an outdoor canoe and hiking excursion.*



The original members of the Engaged Learners Program 2013-2014. A total of 25 different communities have been represented since the inception of the program.



The Engaged Learners Program integrates a great deal of outdoor and land-based education.

Students working together with an architect, learning about the design process in Carpentry shop.



Student visiting Winnipeg, assembling a Warming Hut at The Forks

Students making dessert!



The original Engaged Learners young women's group, 2012-2013.

## PROGRAM REGISTRATION 2023-2024

Schools are encouraged to register students that they believe will benefit from participation in the Engaged Learners Program.



### Who Can Enroll?

- Any FSD students between 15-21 years of age,
- Any FSD student not attending school, or
- has poor attendance at school.

Students who have registered for school in the present year and have not been attending regularly / and who are disengaged should be considered as candidates for the Engaged Learners Program.

The attached pages outline the program format and activities.

Please complete and forward to the registration form to:

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# FRONTIER SCHOOL DIVISION PROGRAMMING (ENGAGED LEARNERS, EOP, 4+1) **STUDENT HANDBOOK 2022-2023**



Welcome to Frontier School Division's Engaged Learners Program. The following outlines the items that each student is responsible for bringing, as well as the rules and expectations of all individuals.

## Student List of Camp Requirements

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Personal Hygiene	Soap, shampoo, toothbrush, shaving items, deodorant, towels, other items you may need for a 7 to 21 day stay ( <i>depending on the program</i> )
Clothing	<u>Indoor</u> – sweatpants and t-shirts, shirts, pants, socks, running shoes and/or slippers, ( <i>outdoor shoes taken off at door</i> ) <u>Outdoor</u> – shoes, jacket, outdoor camping clothing <u>Sports</u> – gym clothing, swimming clothing <u>Boots</u> – if you have steel toed boots bring them. ( <i>If you do not have steel toed boots, we can supply them</i> )
Bedding	Please bring your own sheets, blankets ( <i>or a sleeping bag</i> ), and a pillow
Washing Machines	We have washing machines and dryers so things can be washed/dried
Medication	Please bring your Manitoba Health Card and any medication that you may need. Make sure you indicate all medical conditions on your application form
Additional Information	<p>You are welcome to bring cell phones, laptops, iPads, or other items that connect to the internet. We have cell phone and internet access.</p> <p>Acceptable posters and pictures can be placed in your rooms with tacks (<i>no tape and NO GRAFFITI</i>).</p> <p>The student doors do not lock. We will have a lock up room that you can keep valuable items in. Students are responsible for all their own belongings.</p> <p>There are chores for each camp member to complete. Failure to do so will result in consequences.</p>

### REGISTRATION

ALL STUDENTS ARE TO HAVE **COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS AND SCHOOL TRANSCRIPTS SUBMITTED TO MATT LIND BEFORE ARRIVAL**

## EXPECTATIONS FOR BEHAVIOUR

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All rules at Engaged Learners come down to one common theme- **RESPECT**

1. All students and staff will be treated with respect (*no fighting, no bullying*).
2. Curfew must be followed. In your rooms and quiet by 10:00pm weekday/Sunday nights and midnight on Friday/Saturday nights.
3. There will be no alcohol or illegal drugs used during your stay at camp. Bag searches will be conducted if necessary for all students returning from off-site trips.
4. Students must seek permission to leave camp. Visitors are not allowed into camp without permission.
5. Students are expected to be on time for all activities.
6. All smokers are asked to put their cigarette butts into the designated containers around camp. Smoking is not permitted indoors.
7. There are to be no fires started in the fire pit (*or anywhere else*) unless approved by a staff member.
8. Girls not allowed in boys rooms. Boys not allowed in girls rooms.
9. Property must be respected. (*No writing on the walls, ceilings, beds*)
10. Foul language is not permitted.
11. When students are in Cranberry Portage they are not permitted to go into the residence unless first approved by a staff member.
12. Evening activities can be both mandatory & optional. If it is deemed mandatory, you must attend.
13. All clothing (*boots, overalls, gloves, glasses, etc.*) borrowed from the program must be returned before your departure. (*For every session*)
14. Clean up after yourself.
15. Do not enter someone else's room without their permission.
16. Do not touch or use property that belongs to someone else without their permission.
17. When students are attending classes off-site (*in Cranberry Portage or The Pas for example*) they are not to leave campus without permission from administrators Garry Neufeld or Matt Lind. Students are to conduct themselves with the utmost respect and care in all environments and must behave as positive role models and representatives for themselves, their home school, and the division.

## Consequences

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If any of the above rules are broken a report will be filed and the student involved will have a meeting with the program administrator. Consequences may include the student making up for their action, doing extra chores, losing privileges, staff making a phone call home, the student being placed on probation, the student being sent home (*or a combination of the above*).

Please understand that we do not want any student to leave (*or be sent home*). Staff will make every effort to help you complete the program. However, while you are at the camp, we are responsible for you and your safety and the safety of others.

Staff must know where you are and make sure that you are only taking part in activities that your parents/guardians and home school would approve of.

Students are permitted to leave if they feel they cannot continue in the program. If you feel you must leave, your parents and home school will be notified, and arrangements will be made to get you home.

If you have any questions about any of our policies speak with any of the program staff as they'd be happy to answer any questions you may have.



## Typical Daily Schedule

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7:00 am – 8:00 am	Wakeups & breakfast
8:00 am – 8:30 am	Get ready for school
8:30 am – 8:45 am	Group meeting to go over the days agenda
9:00 am – 12:00 pm	Classes
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Lunch
1:00 pm – 3:30 pm	Classes
3:30pm – 5:00 pm	Free time
5:00 pm – 5:45 pm	Supper
Sometime after 5:45 pm	Evening activity
6:00 pm -7:00 pm	Quiet Hour ( <i>study time/room cleaning time</i> )
9:30 pm	Night lunch ( <i>not available every night</i> )
9:30 pm – 10:30 pm	Chores ( <i>chore sheet will be posted</i> )
11:00 pm	Curfew/Lights out/Quiet ( <i>weekdays</i> )

