

Hugh John Macdonald School

Community Report 2021-2022

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School Mission Statement

Hugh John Macdonald School is a junior high school that provides a safe, caring environment for students and staff. We are committed to providing students with opportunities to develop their individual potential.

In carrying out our mission, Hugh John Macdonald School is guided by the following principles:

High expectations for students in all academic subject areas

High expectation for teachers to provide excellent programming in all academic subject areas

All Students are treated with kindness and respect



About our school

Hugh John Macdonald School is located in the heart of Winnipeg's Central neighborhood. We provide engaging educational programming to students in grades 7, 8, and 9. Our amazingly diverse student population is representative of our community. Our students participate in a learning environment which fosters academic growth and citizenship. HJM offers opportunities for students including: visual arts, dance, coding, technology, Indigenous studies, bike shop, French and Spanish, Cultural Studies, and Jazz band. We also offer the Read to Me program, Thinking Classrooms, and focused Learning Sprints. We have a Language Acquisition Learning Centre, a Learning Assistance Centre and Eagle Circle Alternative Education Program. The CSI, Peaceful Village and Rossbrook House afterschool and summer programs provide support and engaging academic activities for our students.

School Profile

1 Principal
1 Vice-Principal
13.5 Teachers
.5 Guidance Counsellor
1.0 Resource Teacher
11 Educational Assistants
2.0 Front Office Staff
1.0 Community Support Worker
1.0 Intercultural Support Worker
4.0 Custodians



Highlights

- Thinking Classrooms
- Read To Me Program
- Learning Sprints
- Land Based Learning
- Industrial Arts and Home Economics Program at Daniel McIntyre Collegiate Institute
- Jazz Program
- Intramural sports and school sports teams
- Sound field systems, LCD projectors and white boards in all classrooms
- School wide celebration lunches
- Gay Straight Alliance Student Group
- Student Council activities: community clean up, spirit week and special events
- The Cafeteria - daily breakfast and lunch
- Honour Roll celebrations
- Peaceful Village Program
- CSI Program
- Rossbrook House afterschool club
- Learn to swim and skate programs
- Classroom, Team and school wide fieldtrips
- Grade 9 Farewell Celebration
- End of the Year Awards Assembly



Highlights

Students:

To provide robust and comprehensive education, equitable access, diverse opportunity, and a supportive learning environment for all students to help them prepare for their journey with values of learning and social justice, and to be responsible community members.

Learning Outcomes:

To further improve school attendance, achievements, and graduation rates through the exploration of additional programs and strategies.

- To foster strong relationships with the students and their families
- Targeted Literacy and Math Intervention
- Use of innovative teaching practices and technology (Chromebooks, iPads, Smartboards, Smart TV, etc.)
- Use of Clinical Support Services
- Awards Ceremonies: Academics, Attendance, Arts and Athletics, Citizenship, Community Stewardship

Addressing Barriers to Learning:

To further develop initiatives and innovative approaches addressing special needs and accessibility requirements, mental health issues, childcare needs and nutritional needs.

- Establish a welcoming and friendly learning environment for all
- Learning Assistance Centre Classroom, Eagle Circle Alternative Education Program, EAL/LAL Classrooms
- Providing Technology at school and at home (Chromebooks, iPads, Desktop computers, Sound field systems)
- Developing mental health education with mindfulness strategies, self-regulation tools, Flexible Seating, and movement breaks

Communications and Partnerships with Community:

To further develop communications and partnerships with the communities we serve, parents, families, government, businesses, health and social service agencies, Indigenous education, other community organizations, and our valued volunteers.

- Indigenous Focus: 7 Teachings, Community Room, Truth and Reconciliation education, Native Studies classes
- Communication with Families: newsletters, phone calls, home visits, letters, emails, Google meets, Safe Arrival, home visits, etc.
- Parent Council, Community Support Work and Intercultural Support Worker involvement

Sustainability:

To strengthen and enhance sustainable development initiatives that address environmental, social, and economical issues.

- Community Clean-Up, recycling, plastic bag reduce/re-use, flower planting



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