



# Winnipeg Adult Education Centre

## Report to the Community 2025-2026

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### Locations/Programming

#### WAEC (Isbister Campus)

Literacy/Numeracy Fundamentals  
Academic Prep Courses  
Transitional Language Learning  
Mature Student Diploma  
Post-secondary Requirements  
Academic Language Learning

#### Adolescent Parent Centre

Academic Prep Courses  
Mature Student Diploma

#### ADULT LEARNING CENTRES

##### ALC – 180 Main Street

Mature Student Diploma  
Post-Secondary Requirements

##### ALC – Kaakiyow li moond likol

Community focused  
Literacy/Numeracy Fundamentals  
Academic Prep Courses  
Mature Student Diploma

##### ALC – Shaughnessy Park

Community focused  
Literacy/Numeracy Fundamentals  
Academic Prep Courses  
Mature Student Diploma

##### ALC - Taking Charge of Academics!

Self-development courses  
Academic Prep Courses

##### English Language Learning for Newcomers (Immigration Refugee and Citizenship Canada)

180 Main Street

Introductory English Language Learning  
Canadian Language Benchmark 1-4



### About our school

The Winnipeg Adult Education Centre (WAEC) consists of a main campus, the Adolescent Parent Centre, four Adult Learning Centres: Kaakiyow li moond likol, WAEC Off-Campus River Osborne and Taking Charge of Academics and Shaughnessy Park which opened in November 2025. In addition, we have the Adult EAL program located at 180 Main Street.

The WAEC offers high school educational opportunities to adult students seeking to complete a grade 12 diploma, upgrade for post-secondary education, strengthen employment opportunities and/or improve English language proficiency.

Since 1968, the WSD has operated the WAEC as a strategy to improve graduation rates in the WSD. It serves as an anti-poverty strategy, improving educational outcomes for hundreds of Indigenous and Newcomer students. Approximately 200 students graduate per year from WAEC, most with a mature student diploma, and hundreds more upgrade to meet post-secondary requirements. Many students also use their diploma to improve their prospects for entering the work force. The Adolescent Parent Centre provides high school education to pregnant and parenting adolescents and young women and provides childcare for students while they attend school.

We are committed to attaining our overall goals of credit attainment and student engagement. We strive to maintain an inclusive environment for students of diverse backgrounds. We “meet students where they are” by offering a true continuous intake model, an RPL (Recognizing Prior Learning) program and allowing students to access content in a variety of ways.



# Highlights for 2025-26

- WAEC has encouraged students to participate in in-person learning while maintaining a robust online support system for students
- WAEC held its graduation ceremony at the University of Winnipeg for a formal celebration of our graduating students. This included a program of speeches and presentations and an individual diploma presentation for each graduate
- 147 students graduated in June 2026 and many more attended classes to upgrade for entrance into the workforce or post-secondary education
- 81 graduates self-identified as indigenous, an important step in improving outcomes for indigenous Manitobans
- Manitoba Adult Language Training Initiative (MALTI) program continued in September 2025 for its fifth successful year. It provides language classes for EAL students who are pursuing post-secondary studies or are seeking improved employment.
- WAEC successfully opened a new Adult Learning Centre at Shaughnessy Park School in consultation with the community and partners.
- Successful implementation of the Applied Family Studies course and work experience practicums at Winnipeg School Division schools resulting in 28 students being hired as Educational Assistants.
- New Drone Certification course offered students were able to obtain basic drone pilot license certification through Transport Canada. Preparation for the advance license was offered.
- Partnerships with industry associations including the Manitoba Construction Sector Council where we partnered in administering programs and the English for Construction Purposes course. We also partnered with Manitoba Tourism Education Council to offer Micro Credentials.
- Successful 2-day Micro Credentials where we offered over 40 sessions for students to gain credentials for employment.
- Continuous Intake Programming increases student engagement and credit attainment. This program allows students to register at any time and provides instruction, assessment, mentorship and support for students entering classes mid-semester.
- Events were offered for Black History Month to discuss the achievements of black Canadians.
- Two Resource Fairs were organized by WAEC staff which had service provider organizations from Winnipeg in attendance at WAEC connecting with students. Over 300 students participated each day.
- Partnership with Cambrian Credit Union during our Micro Credentials, 9 students were hired as Member Service Representatives.
- All day student resource support is offered to all students in the library, and personalized resource support is offered to those students needing assistance.
- Foundations program for students that provides the skill building opportunities needed for advancing to high school credits
- A continued partnership with the YMCA offering opportunities for volunteering or employment. The YMCA partnership also included access to recreation equipment for our students' families and students participated in the Y-Mind Program.
- The Career Advisor meet individually with over 500 students to discuss needs for future employment
- Community organizations, post-secondary institutions, employers, and industry partners provided information sessions and presentations to students.
- A dedicated Indigenous Resource room staffed by two teachers offering access to ceremony, cultural supports, counselling and academic resources.
- Truth and Reconciliation Day ceremony at our Circle Garden and 'take-away' Feast
- Food Security programs that allow students to access healthy food on a weekly basis
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Students completing Drone pilot certification through Transport Canada



Deputy Mayor Markus Chambers for Black History Month



English for Construction Purpose student using Virtual Reality to navigate a site.



Cambrian Credit Union Micro Credential

# Priorities 2026-27

- Focus on our priority areas which include:
  - Academic Achievement
  - Indigenous Education and Truth and Reconciliation
  - Career and Personal Development
  - Student Engagement

## Activities

- To provide robust and comprehensive education, equitable access, diverse opportunity and a supportive learning environment for all students
- Increase enrollment of Indigenous students and credit attainment.
- Improve access to employment opportunities for all students through career planning support and course offerings.
- Continue to improve the Continuous Intake Program to accept students into credit courses and ensure they are able to experience success in those classes upon entry whatever the timing within the school year.
- Further improve strategies to increase student engagement, improve in person attendance, and increase student retention.
- Improve interventions within classes and improve communication strategies between staff members to assist students facing challenges to academic progress and attendance.
- Continue professional learning communities focused on current best practice in instruction and assessment to adapt to the evolving needs of our student community
- Host student presentations on topics related to entry into the workforce, post-secondary education, mental health and wellness, cultural exploration and nutrition.
- Host community partners in open house events that allow students to meet with local service providers and agencies.
- Further develop and strengthen communications and partnerships within the community.



Students attending our Winnipeg School Division Pow wow



Beading program supported by local artist, Beth and students from Build from Within

# Student Engagement and Events

- Students in the Art Program created a three-story mural in front of the Circle Garden about the meaning of WAEC to the students and inspirational messages. Students outside the program were able to contribute to ideas for the mural.
- Observance, ceremony and feast for the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (Orange Shirt Day).
- Remembrance Day Ceremony.
- Ramadan luncheon was held in March at the end of Ramadan.
- Summer Solstice luncheon was held in June. Our Elder, Walter Richard was there to provide the teaching.
- Beading Program was started with a local artist and supported by the Build from Within students from Winnipeg School Division.
- Students regularly volunteered a Harvest Manitoba throughout the school year.

# Adolescent Parent Centre Programs

- Healthy Baby
- Healthy Start for Mom and Me
- Families First
- Career Trek: The M Power Project
- Project Choices
- Remembrance Day Service
- Orange Shirt Day
- Women in Science program
- Prenatal classes
- Indigenous programming
- Food & Nutrition / Family Studies mandatory courses
- Family Support Nights
- Parenting Support
- Teen Health Clinic



Mural developed by Art students