



École secondaire Sisler High School

Community Report 2025 - 2026



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Moral Purpose

Winnipeg School Division provides a learning environment that fosters the growth of every learner's potential and provides equitable opportunity to develop the knowledge, skills, and ways of being necessary for nurturing a just, sustainable, and democratic society where everyone belongs, thrives, and is included.

Values

Joy

We create a sense of **community** by providing opportunities for learners to feel confident in the future, inspired, fulfilled, engaged, and full of hope.

Love

We support a sense of **belonging**, where every learner is known by multiple adults and they feel safe, respected and free to express their true selves.

Rigour

We prepare learners for **excellence**, where every learner feels supported and challenged to excel every day through meaningful activities and lessons to achieve their goals.



About our school

As one of Manitoba's largest high schools, École secondaire Sisler High School is a dual track high school located in Winnipeg's North End. Known for its wide variety of unique and innovative programming, École secondaire Sisler High School has many programs that focus on strong academics and technical skills. École secondaire Sisler utilizes cutting-edge pedagogical delivery systems and collaboration with industry experts from across the globe. This culturally diverse high school is a leader in this field.

École secondaire Sisler High School offers programming to meet the needs of all learners. There is something for everyone: from English and French Immersion language programming to Visual Performing Arts, from Advanced Placement and university credited courses to Applied Technology and Human Ecology, from Cyber-security to CREATE, from Inclusive Education to English as an Additional Language programming. The diversity of our programs supports our diverse population.

École secondaire Sisler High School offers a wide range of extra-curricular activities that include a highly competitive athletics programs, Visual and Performing Arts groups, video game design, animation, film graphics, virtual reality programs, workshops, and a variety of student-led humanitarian and social justice groups.

École secondaire Sisler High School's Priorities – 2025-2030

For the school years 2025 to 2030, École secondaire Sisler High School is focused on implementing the following priorities:

1. Strengthen instructional and assessment practises for all students with a focus on equity, diversity, and inclusion.
2. Answer the TRC calls to action using the Mamàhtawisiwin Framework.
At École secondaire Sisler, we believe that education is the key to Reconciliation. We are committed to:
 - understanding, appreciating, and honouring our history,
 - working together as a community to move forward to heal and repair relationships between Indigenous Peoples and settlers,
 - making a deliberate effort to foster a supportive and equitable learning environment for all.
3. Build school community and opportunities for all students to feel a sense of belonging. Foster a positive and safe school environment to support the social/emotional and physical safety of all students.

Connecting to the Community

- Student Council groups made a significant impact through fundraising and service initiatives. Together, they raised \$3,910.66 in support of a variety of organizations, including CancerCare Manitoba, Art City, Siloam Mission, Doctors Without Borders, the Canadian Council for Refugees, the Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre, War Child Canada, the Manitoba Harm Reduction Network, and Dupag Daycare/International Association for Transformation. Standout fundraising efforts included Overseas Education Fund (OEF), which raised \$11,185.96, Sisler High Against Cancer (SHAC), which contributed \$636.85 to CancerCare Manitoba, and HOPE and Sisler Philanthropic Artists (SPA), which raised \$584.22 for Siloam Mission and \$566.91 for Art City Winnipeg respectively. These initiatives reflect our students' commitment to leadership, service, and making a positive difference both within our school and throughout the broader community.
- A new partnership with Red River Polytechnic was established this year, providing students with dual-credit opportunities, post-secondary accreditation pathways, and direct exposure to industry-level expectations. This partnership strengthens local creative industry development within Manitoba.
- CREATE Student's work was showcased at Winnipeg Jets heritage nights, including Filipino Heritage Night, WASAC Night, and Black History Night.
- Sisler's esteemed dance troupe, Sisler's Most Wanted (SMW), performed at the University of Manitoba for the basketball halftime shows.
- SMW hosted a day of dance workshops for students at Lord Nelson School as part of their Health-a-Palooza.
- Sisler choirs represented their school brilliantly when performing at various events in the broader community.

Highlights include:

- Sinclair Park Community Club 100th Anniversary celebration
- Royal Winnipeg Ballet's Nutcracker (three performances!)
- WSD's Unity Gala
- Fred Douglas Seniors' residence



Choir students at Fred Douglas Lodgel

Highlights

SCHOOL SUPPORTS

- École secondaire Sisler High School offers many supports to students including five guidance counsellors, four resource teachers plus an Inclusive Education Resource Teacher, an Indigenous Graduation Coach, an Indigenous Knowledge Keeper, as well as services through Clinical Support Services such as psychology and social work. A reading clinician and speech-language pathologist are also available.

INCLUSIVE EDUCATION

- Eleven students are graduating from Inclusion Support Programming this year.
- One student was accepted into Project Search for 2026-2027. Project Search is a year-long work experience program in partnership with Health Sciences Centre, Manitoba Hydro, and the Government of Manitoba. This is a highly competitive program – congratulations A.B.!
- Our Sisler student from 2025-2026 at Project Search completed the year with multiple successful placements and aced all of her final skills assessments. Way to go J.F.!
- Inclusion students participated in several work experience sites at Children’s Museum, BrightStart, Sisler Recycling, SuperLube, and more!
- Sisler hosted one week of Wheelchair Basketball and intramurals per semester this year. Coached by a Sisler athlete on the Manitoba Wheelchair Basketball team, and Joey Johnson.
- Sisler entered their first 3 on 3 wheelchair basketball tournament this year with Basketball Manitoba, where the team placed 2nd!
- Four students joined the Track and Field team as para-athletes, and all four students qualified for provincials.



Wheelchair basketball

INDIGENOUS EDUCATION

This year, Sisler High School continued to strengthen its commitment to Indigenous Education and the advancement of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action. The Lodge Room, a vibrant and active space within our school, remained central to these efforts. Under the continued guidance of Knowledge Keeper Jason Parenteau, our school community continued to deepen its understanding of Indigenous traditions, cultures, and teachings. Mr. Parenteau’s presence has been instrumental in fostering respectful relationships, cultural awareness, and authentic learning experiences throughout the year.

Throughout the school year, students engaged in a wide range of meaningful activities and initiatives. These included Post-Secondary Club, Medical Career Exploration Program, WASAC, beading, sage picking, planting of medicine seeds, land-based learning experiences as well as the planning and observance of Orange Shirt Day and Red Dress Day, facilitated by our Indigenous Grad Coach. All graduating students were invited to the WSD Graduation Pow wow. Students had the opportunity to participate in the Indigenous Youth Leadership Program. This program offered students opportunities to explore their identity, culture, and leadership potential. For many, it provided a first connection to their Indigenous heritage, while for others, it deepened their existing knowledge and pride. Students built confidence in their voices and developed skills in advocacy, collaboration, and community-building.

The Lodge remains a meaningful and welcoming space for students and staff. A place where students and staff are able to connect, build community, participate in regular sharing circles for cultural learning, and celebration. Our commitment to Indigenous Education remains strong, and we are excited to continue growing this work in ways that honour the voices, traditions, and strengths of our Indigenous students and families.



WSD Graduation Pow wow



FRENCH IMMERSION PROGRAM

➤ The French Peer Tutoring Program continued once again this year. Students needing extra support in FI subjects were matched with a peer tutor. The tutoring was in French to support language learning.

➤ Almost 50 Sisler students participated in the WSD's French Immersion Équipe Jeunesse Leadership group.



Festival du Voyageur

➤ To celebrate 'la semaine française', our Grade 12 students spent the day immersed in French, learning about Manitoba's fur trade history at the Festival du Voyageur.

➤ Grade 9 to 12 French Immersion students participated in a week-long celebration of French culture. Activities were planned throughout the week, including a pancake lunch, Voyageur games, with the highlight of the week being a concert in our theatre by Alpha Toshineza, a francophone rap artist, who had the students singing and dancing.

➤ All Grade 9 and 11 students participated in the Concours d'art oratoire at the school level. Megan Tapawan (Grade 9) and Izabelle Jilani (Grade 11) represented Sisler at the Winnipeg School Division Concours d'art oratoire where they both won their respective categories to advance to the Provincial competition. Megan Tapawan received 2nd place in the 2026 Provincial Concours in the Grade 9/10 Early Immersion Category held in May 2025. Félicitations!



Megan Tapawan

➤ Twenty-four students took part in the DELF assessment this year (an internationally recognized French language assessment).

➤ In April, three French Immersion students each welcomed a student from France into their home to experience four weeks in Canada. In May, our three Sisler students went to live with their exchange partner in France for four weeks as a part of the Reciprocal Exchange Program.

CREATE PROGRAM

Year-Long Production with Studio

Students were organized into production squads, each developing an original animated short over the course of the year, supported by professional mentorship.

- Raccoon Rhapsody. In partnership with Jam Filled Animation, students created a story about a lonely raccoon musician seeking connection through fame, ultimately discovering the importance of friendship and community.
- The One With Bear – My Roommate is a Shape Shifter. Mentored by Dave Bolton and Sarajeon, this project followed a reclusive protagonist attempting to conceal a shapeshifting roommate, until an unexpected landlord visit disrupts their world

Nickelodeon Orange Tree Project – Year 6 Collaboration

In the sixth year of our ongoing collaboration with Nickelodeon, students continued to operate as a student-led studio, producing original content under the Nickelodeon creative framework.

- SlimeToons Studio Project: Robo-Cat
A story about a lab cat who must operate a mech suit to assist its owner in a high-stakes environment.
- The Squelchers: Joshin' Around
A comedic narrative about a young boy who resists his mother's cooking and attempts to create his own culinary path.

As part of this collaboration, students also participated in a full reboot initiative, reimagining classic Nickelodeon intellectual properties for modern audiences. Select works were showcased through CREATE and Nickelodeon's digital platforms. Students also received creative support packages, laptop bags, awards, scholarships and funding for our end of year showcase from Nickelodeon, reinforcing professional studio experience and industry connection.

We extend sincere appreciation to the Nickelodeon Community Efforts team.

Technology & Creative Investment

- Post-High Students were provided with upgraded professional tools, including new Wacom Cintiq tablets, supporting industry-standard digital animation workflows. We thank Wacom and the

Schroeder Foundation for their commitment to advancing creative education.

Industry Learning & Masterclasses

Students engaged with a diverse range of professional artists, animators, and industry mentors, gaining insight into global studio practices, storytelling, and career pathways in animation and visual effects.

Guest mentors included:

- Doug Morrow – Canada’s top movie makeup artist, offering insight into character design, transformation, and cinematic visual storytelling
- Bill Stewart – one of Manitoba’s most established animators, sharing decades of experience in animation craft and industry development
- Aaron Blaise – Disney Golden Age animator, known for his work on iconic feature films and mastery of traditional animation principles
- Kara Vallega – Sisler CREATE alumna and composer at Sony Pictures, recently contributing to KPop Demon Hunters
- Xierra Cansino – Sisler CREATE alumna, now a social media influencer and animator of music videos for the band Hokd Kid
- Monica Lago-Kaytis – former Disney producer, providing industry-leading perspective on production pipelines and studio leadership
- Kyle Marshall - Show-Runner and Director of Nickelodeon’s Wylde Pak and The Loud House

These masterclasses provided students with direct access to real-world creative professionals, helping bridge classroom learning with professional industry expectations and pathways.

Industry Tours & Field Experiences

In May, students traveled to Ottawa for an intensive industry immersion experience, including visits to:

- Jam Filled Animation Studio
- Mercury Filmworks Studio

Students also participated in pitching sessions at the CREATE Showcase, collectively earning over \$90,000 in scholarships and awards.

Mentorship & Year-End Projects

In June, students launched a new mentorship initiative with industry professional Adolph Lusinsky, Head of Cinematography at Walt Disney Animation Studios, focused on the animated short *Now Then Forever*. This long-term mentorship provides students with direct insight into cinematic storytelling, visual

composition, and professional studio practice at the highest level of the animation industry.

Provincial Pilot: Canadian Battlefield Educational Experience in Europe

Students participated in a provincial pilot educational experience focused on Canadian battlefield history in Europe. This initiative included three students and one staff member and provided an immersive, research-based learning opportunity.

The experience included visits to Amsterdam, Antwerp, Ypres, Passchendaele, Vimy Ridge, Juno Beach and Paris, where students engaged in sketching, visual documentation, and reflective learning connected to Canada’s military and cultural history.

This pilot strengthened students’ understanding of narrative, memory, and place, while deepening their ability to translate real-world historical experiences into visual storytelling.



Students at Juno Beach

CYBER ACADEMY

- Throughout the year, students from Sisler High School’s Cyber Academy showcased exceptional talent and dedication by competing in a wide range of cybersecurity and aerospace competitions at the local, provincial, national, and international levels. The program proudly fielded 14 Cyber Defence teams, with students tackling real-world cybersecurity challenges involving network security, digital forensics, systems administration, and incident response.
- One team achieved national recognition by qualifying for CyberTitan, Canada’s premier cybersecurity competition, and earning an outstanding 2nd place finish in the country after advancing through multiple rigorous rounds against top teams nationwide.
- Students also pushed the boundaries of innovation by participating in StellarXplorers, an

international aerospace competition where they explored satellite operations, mission planning, and space systems engineering in realistic team-based scenarios.

- Adding to the year's impressive achievements, Han Rivera earned a remarkable 3rd place finish in Network Systems Administration at Skills Manitoba, demonstrating advanced technical expertise and professionalism while competing against Manitoba's top IT students.
- These accomplishments highlight the Cyber Academy's continued commitment to excellence, innovation, and preparing students with industry-level technology and problem-solving skills.



Cyber Academy

STUDENT COUNCIL

Student Council had another highly successful year, creating opportunities for student leadership, school spirit, and community engagement. Highlights included our Student Council Group Showcase at the start of the year, the Grade 9 Leadership Conference in February, several fun and engaging spirit weeks, and a record-setting student council election. An impressive 915 votes were cast, representing approximately 50% voter turnout and demonstrating strong student engagement in school leadership.

VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS BAND

Sisler Bands have been active in 2026/2026. In September, two students earned spots in the Manitoba Band Association's Provincial Senior Honour Band. The Jazz Band participated in the Winnipeg Jazz Orchestra Fall Big Band Workshop in October. Senior Concert Band members offered music for the Remembrance Day Ceremonies in November. The Winter Concert was wonderful, and students also performed carols at Fred Douglas Lodge in December. In January, fourteen students were selected for the WSD Senior Honour Band. In

February, the Junior Concert Band, Senior Concert Band, and Jazz Band took part in the MBA Family of Festivals, where they received the George Douglas Award. This award recognizes exemplary performance, mature on and off-stage presence, responsiveness in clinics, long-term commitment to the festival, and the development of an outstanding band program. We performed our festival repertoire at a Showcase Concert in March, and three students were invited to perform with the Young Women in Jazz Ensemble at the Winnipeg Jazz Orchestra's International Women's Day Concert. In April, members of the Concert Bands traveled to the Edmonton Cantando Festival. In May, members of the Concert Bands performed at Music Monday at the Legislature, three students earned spots in the Provincial Honour Jazz Bands, another student received first place standing at the Syrnix Flute Festival, and another received a full scholarship to attend the Winnipeg Jazz Education Collective's Summer Jazz Camp. We look forward to our Spring Concert on June 4, which will provide a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the hard work and accomplishments of our students this year.



Junior Concert Band



George Douglas Award



Jazz Band



Senior Concert Band

CHOIR

Enrollment in Sisler's choirs increased again this school year, and the six ensembles that comprise the choral music program were as busy and accomplished as ever! Ensembles performed at school events including:

- Remembrance Day observances
- Christmas/Winter concert
- Delivering singing telegrams for Valentine's Day
- Music Festival Highlights concert
- Spring concert (SING!)
- Convocation
- Jazz Choir serenaded students and staff as they entered the school on the second last day of classes.

Participation in music festivals nurtures the pursuit of excellence among Sisler's choir students. The rigour required throughout classes leading up to festival performance is invaluable to student growth and learning. Sisler students shone at every festival in which they participated:

- Sisler's Jazz choir earned invitation to MusicFest Canada (MCA's ChoralFest)
- Five Gold standings at the Winnipeg Music Festival
- Earl Grey Trophy was awarded to SopAlto Chorus for the most outstanding performance of Grs. 9-12 choir at the Winnipeg Music Festival
- Cantando Festival (Edmonton) - stellar performance (non-adjudicated)



Sopalto Chorus

DRAMA

Sisler's Drama program continues to grow. With increased numbers of students in drama classes, we participated in:

- The Remembrance Day services
- 2 Drama Scene Nights, with the Spring Performance mainly student-led with original pieces written by the class.
- Going out into the theatre community and attending 2 performances at the Royal Manitoba Theatre Centre: Elf the Musical and The Last Wife
- One student in the 10th Grade, Chloe A., has received a scholarship to a film acting workshop with EagleVision productions.
- A full production performance across 3 days of "SpongeBob SquarePants: The Musical Youth Edition"



SpongeBob SquarePants : The Musical Youth Edition

SISLER'S DANCE PROGRAM

Sisler's Dance Program continues to thrive. Both the winter and spring concerts had sold out shows and the dancers brought all their energy to the packed, boisterous audiences!

The dance team, Sisler's Most Wanted (SMW), participated in several events and competitions throughout the year to great reviews and achievements.



Sisler's Most Wanted Dance Team

- Offered a beautiful lyrical piece about grief for Sisler's Remembrance Day services
- Performed as well as lead line dancing during intermission at the Winnipeg Jets Filipino Heritage Night game
- Participated in Dance Manitoba's Dance Showcase at SOPAC
- Danced and hosted a movement break at the Jets Project 11 Youth Summit
- Out of hundreds of routines at the Candance Competition, SMW earned a spot in the Diamond Dance off where they placed 3rd overall
- Entered two routines in the Canadian National Dance Championships and both pieces earned Platinum awards
- Earned Gold Honours for ALL 3 pieces entered in the Manitoba Provincial Dance Festival



Sisler's Most Wanted Dance Team

ATHLETICS

The 2025–2026 school year was a monumental one for Sisler Athletics. Across three packed seasons of play, our student-body showed exceptional participation, bringing immense commitment, dedication, and perseverance to every game, meet, and match.



AAAA Provincial Champions

Fall Season

- **Cross Country:** Kicked off the year with a highly successful season and strong individual performances.
- **Volleyball:** Celebrated a dominant run, capturing multiple Winnipeg School Division (WSD) championship banners.
- **Football:** Showed incredible growth and grit on the gridiron.
- **MVP Honors:** Darius Hartshorne was named team MVP. Forever 57!



Sisler's Football Team

Winter Season

- **Basketball:** Milestone victories defined the winter. Our Varsity Girls returned to the Provincial Final Four, while both of our Grade 9 teams captured Provincial Championship titles.
- **Indoor Track:** Kept the momentum moving by collecting multiple championship banners.
- **Boys Flag Football:** Experienced explosive growth, expanding from one team to three highly competitive squads.

Spring Season

- **Badminton:** Sent a strong contingent of talented athletes to the Provincial championships.
- **Soccer:** Fielded competitive and hard-fighting boys and girl's rosters.
- **Outdoor Track:** Sent a record-breaking number of student-athletes to represent Sisler at Provincials where the team won the AAAA Provincial banner.
- **Rugby:** Both our boys and girl's squads advanced to the Provincial Final Four.
- **Girls Flag Football:** Expanded into two teams, with multiple standout players earning All-Star selections.



Girls Flag Football Team

ACADEMICS, AWARDS AND ACTIVITIES

- It was another noteworthy year for the Reach for the Top team! Once again, the Intermediates (Gr 9 and 10) had enough numbers for two teams. One of the teams secured our fourth straight appearance at Provincials, coming in second place. The Seniors (Gr 11 and 12) had a stellar season, securing their first Provincial title since 1972 and qualifying for Nationals for the second year in a row. The team had an outstanding performance in Moncton, coming in 6th place. The Senior team was recognized in an article in the Winnipeg Sun and by MLA Diljeet Brar at the Legislature on May 7.
- Ninety Sisler students wrote Advanced Placement exams this year in the areas of Biology, Chemistry and Physics.



Reach For The Top Team

- Sisler High School hosted the Manitoba High School Chess Championships in March 2026. With 62 students competing from 23 schools across Manitoba, Sisler students finished in second place for the team event.
- Sisler Social Sciences Department hosted a guest speaker to present to students about a variety of career paths. He also presented the opportunity for students to participate in the Chatter High competition. Chatter High is an online learning platform that encourages career exploration, post-secondary planning, financial literacy, and student engagement. Through their consistent participation and dedication, Sisler students earned 1st place in Manitoba and 5th place nationally, winning \$1,500 for the school. The prize money was used to host a year-end celebration for participating students, featuring pizza, ice cream, drinks, chips, and other treats to recognize their hard work and achievements throughout the competition.

- Adrienne Estrada received a Silver in Job Skill Demonstration at the Skills Manitoba Competition held April 9th, at RRC Polytech.



Adrienne Estrada

- Two delegations of Sisler students participated in the 2026 Manitoba United Nations Assembly. Students spent time preparing to discuss and debate the resolutions of this year's conference by taking on the role of UN ambassadors from an assigned country. They researched their country and learned about its position on global issues. Students spoke about the international humanitarian issues facing the world today. The theme of this year's MUNA was Truth, Access, and Resilience.



2026 MUNA Students

- Sisler students participated in the Red River Heritage Fair held at the University of Winnipeg where students presented their research projects on Canadian history. Two students also volunteered to work on data at the RRHF this year. The Model Wind Turbine Competition, hosted by Skills Canada Manitoba on Oct 29, 2025, is a one-day challenge for Grade 9 & 10 teams to design and build a working model wind turbine using specified materials and a simulated wind environment. The event highlights how cross-curricular learning and hands-on application strengthen essential skills such as collaboration, critical thinking, and time management.



Drafting students at RRHF

- Congratulations to the following Drafting students on winning BEST DESIGN: Angelie Carbonell, Adrianna Chanthaseng, Denzlie Mendoza, Sharlize Saria.

- Grade 11 student, Aditi Agnihotri, participated in the WSD Science Fair, receiving the following recognition: Canada-Wide Science Fair Finalist Title, University of Manitoba's Science Innovator Award and Scholarship Presented by Rady Faculty of Health Sciences, Platinum Award (Senior Level), Best in Category: Disease and Illness (Senior Level), and the Gold Medal. She competed in the Canada-Wide Science Fair where she won a bronze medal for her project on the Computational Evaluation of nAChR and Transferring Receptor Pathways for Human Rabies Treatment.
- Students Ngoc Minh Uyen Phan, Aditi Agnihotri, Darian Cruz, Jarcean Bernardino, Zoey Santiago, and Ravleen Kaur represented Sisler in the Winnipeg Schools Science Fair, receiving gold on their respective projects.



Aditi Agnihotri

