



**Anishinaabemodaa**  
**RRDSB PATHWAY OPPORTUNITY**  
**ANISHINAABEMOWIN MENTOR-LEARNER PROGRAM**  
(DEADLINE – JUNE 1, 2023)

RRDSB, SayITFirst and Seven Generations Education Institute have co-developed a program that will help students to become conversationally fluent in Ojibwe upon graduation. This program has been developed to support students wishing to pursue careers which require Anishinaabemowin, such as teaching and Early Childhood Education.

**Students entering Grades 9 and 10 who are enrolled in Ojibwe** are invited to participate in the Mentor-Learner Program. The expectation of the students' is to speak Anishinaabemowin 100% of the time when participating in this program.

Students will work to complete 120 hours (1 hour per module) of a computer-based training program in Anishinaabemowin. Once the computer-based training modules are completed the students will be paired with a fluent first speaker from their home community in order to develop conversational fluency in the language. Students in this Program will spend their time between Fort Frances High School and the mentor's home community or local First Nation for 15 hours per week of Anishinaabemowin immersion where only Ojibwe can be spoken. This program allows the student to make money while learning Anishinaabemowin to enhance their school experience.

**Students:** Must be willing to make a commitment to learning and speaking Anishinaabemowin for 15 hours per week and be enrolled in Ojibwe at a local High School each year until graduation (where available). This position will require the student to commit to at least 36 weeks of program participation over the next three years, with the possibility of more.

**Hours:** 120 hours of computer-based training will happen at the discretion of the student and their schedule. Once completed the training, students will sit with fluent speakers to speak Anishinaabemowin for 15 hours per week as agreed upon with the mentor. The program will not run on holidays.

**Hourly rate:** \$15.00 an hour

**Location:** The Computer Based training can occur anywhere the student has access to a computer. Rotating between Fort Frances High School and Mentor's homes at the students' local First Nation community.

**Start Date:** June 1, 2023

**Selection:** As spaces are limited, successful participants will be chosen through a combination of an interview, demonstrated regular school attendance and academic performance.

All sections of the **application form** need to be filled out completely. Please submit by 12:00 p.m. on June 1<sup>st</sup>, and email to [Kim.kirk@rrdsb.com](mailto:Kim.kirk@rrdsb.com) or hand into your guidance counsellor.



## Application Form for Mentor-Learner Program

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (where you want to be contacted): \_\_\_\_\_

Check the box indicating which is the preferred Pathway:

Teacher

Early Childhood Care worker

Other

Please specify \_\_\_\_\_

- 1) Describe what it means to you to have an opportunity to learn Anishinaabemowin at a much deeper level than provided currently in school.

- 2) Describe a conversation you have had with a friend or family member about this opportunity.



## Privacy Release Form

I hereby consent to the disclosure, transmittal or examination of my/my child's academic information, including marks and attendance, to members of SayITFirst, the Rainy River District School board and Seven Generations Education Institute as required to participate in the Mentor-Learner Program for the sole purpose of monitoring eligibility for my/my child's participation in this program.

I have been informed and understand how this information will be used, and that this information will not be passed on to other third parties without my prior consent. This consent is valid from June 1, 2023 through June 2026 and may be revoked at any time by the student.

Student signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
(if 18 or older)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Guardian signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



## Verification Form for Mentor-Learner Program

(Do not sign this is page if the privacy release form is not signed)

I, \_\_\_\_\_, acknowledge that I will enrol in an Ojibwe course offered at a local High School (when offered) each year and demonstrate good attendance and academic progress in order to stay in the Mentor-Learner Program. For the 2023/2024 year, I am enrolled in an Ojibwe language course.

I am currently enrolled full at time at:

Rainy River High School

Fort Frances High School

Northern Lakes High School

Other

I am currently in:

Grade 9

Grade 10

Grade 11

Grade 12

Student signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
(if 18 or older)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Guardian signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_