



Ojibwe Language Program

Rainy River District School Board supports the Ojibwe Language Program, allocating additional staffing to allow Ojibwe Language instruction to occur at the same time as French Language instruction, so students do not miss other subjects.

Introduction of land based pedagogy to the Ojibwe Language Program provides experiential learning opportunities to connect the language to the land.

Students who participate in the Ojibwe Language Program achieve a strong foundation in the language and gain cultural understanding, both assets when seeking future employment.

Ojibwe Language Supports

The Ojibwe Language Program is offered to students up to Grade 12 (at FFHS) and as young as Kindergarten. Learning is supported by:

- **Elders** – Elders are invited into classrooms to support students in connecting language to the culture.
- **Use of technology**— Technology enriches the Ojibwe Language Program, supporting students in also developing their 21st Century skills.
- **Newly developed resources**— Resources were created through the MERL (Modernize, Expand, Revitalize, Localize) project, a past partnership with Seven Generations Education Institute, the RRDSB, and the First Nation communities.

Ojibwe Language Strategy

As of the 2017-2018 school year, the Rainy River District School Board is in year one of a seven year Ojibwe Language Strategy to help develop future teachers of Ojibwe in schools and communities. The Strategy, which focuses on the revitalization of the local Indigenous language, is the result of a partnership with the RRDSB, Seven Generations Education Institute, and the Ministry of Education.



“Together, we empower all students to believe in themselves, to achieve, and to dream.”

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