

MARY DUNCAN SCHOOL



Community Report 2025 - 2026

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School Profile

Student Enrollment: 93

Grade Levels: 7 - 12

Principal: Sarah Loewen

Staff Profile

Admin: 1

Secretary: 1

Resource: 0.25

Counsellor: 0.5

Teaching Staff: 5.25

Support Staff: 3.5

Custodial: 2



About Our School

Mary Duncan School offers alternative educational programming for students in grade 7 through 12.

In a flexible format and relaxed atmosphere, students can complete the required Manitoba Educational Curriculum at a pace that works for them. Mary Duncan can fill the gap for chronic poor attenders, giving them a place where they can make continual progress. Class size is limited in order to be able to provide the students with the small group support they require. Our focus is on building student success by providing personal, social, and emotional support and remediation.

Mary Duncan senior years classes are scheduled as continuous entry classes. Students are able to enter the classes at any point and continue in the course until they have met the curriculum requirements for the course. Innovative scheduling and programming are provided to meet the needs of individual students who require a more personalized educational program.

Vision Statement

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Mary Duncan School Staff and students are committed to building a safe and welcoming community of learners who aim to create collaborative relationships, shared responsibility, and a strong sense of belonging.

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Our Mission

- Work to create a professional and supportive learning environment that supports the intellectual, emotional, social, and physical development of all members
- Personalize learning — “build your own path to success”
- Foster resilience and courage to live life in a good way
- Strive for personal excellence and academic growth while gaining skills beneficial to lifelong independence and adaptability
- Recognize the importance of becoming critical thinkers that respect ourselves, others, and the natural world around us.
- Create a community that encourages cultural opportunities, celebrates individuality, and responds to students' voices

Highlights

- School-wide nutrition program – students receive breakfast and lunch daily at no cost
- Foods & Nutrition class
- Hairstyling classes
- Truth and Reconciliation Day / Orange Shirt Day
- Round the Bend Farm Bison Harvest
- Pizza Days
- Halloween Spirit Week
- Annual Winter Feast – students and staff prepare a meal for students and their families
- Christmas Spirit Week
- Trappers Festival Events
- February Spirit Week
- Moosehide campaign
- Pike Lake Cultural Day
- Year-End Celebration
- Blizzard Game
- Culture Camps
- Fisher Island Tour
- Sweat Ceremonies
- Winton Pool Swimming Trip
- Wahkotowin Youth Gathering



Areas of Focus

Literacy Goals

- Identify learning gaps in grades 7 and 8 using early intervention strategies
- Increase grade 9-12 English credit attainment using 1:1 support in Student Support and early intervention strategies

Numeracy Goals

- Identify learning gaps in grades 7 and 8 using early intervention strategies
- Increase grade 9-12 Math credit attainment using 1:1 support in Student Support and early intervention strategies

Indigenous Ways of Life

- Immerse Indigenous ideologies, perspectives, histories, language, knowledge, and values throughout all subjects
- Expand cultural and diverse practices to promote inclusivity
- Improve participation in cultural and traditional ways of life through partnerships and collaborations with Elders and Knowledge Keepers

Inclusive & Caring Environments and Health & Wellness

- Promote physical, emotional, spiritual, and mental well-being for all students by providing nutritious meals daily, mental health support, and offering workshops and professional development opportunities
- Celebrate the diversity of our students and encourage student-led initiatives by fostering a safe space for marginalized groups
- Improve student attendance and engagement using early intervention strategies and offering 1:1 support



Community Partnerships

- Northern Manitoba Food, Culture and Community Collaborative
- Child Nutrition Council
- The Grub Box
- Brody's No Frills
- Northern Lites Dollar Store
- The Pas Family Resource Centre
- University College of the North
- Northern Regional Health Authority
- Round the Bend Farm
- Margaret Barbour Collegiate Institute
- Ecole Scott Bateman Middle School
- Child and Family Services
- Manitoba Metis Federation
- Town of The Pas
- RM of Kelsey
- Northern Manitoba Blizzard
- The Pas Friendship Centre
- Primary Health
- Beatrice Wilson
- RCMP



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