

# ECOQUEST

## City Park School

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### ECOQUEST ADVANTAGE

Join our mobile Grade 8 classroom where students experience everyday adventures while learning in urban and wilderness settings. Why leave the classroom? In order to learn experientially, it's necessary. No two months in our students' planners look alike. We plan and sequence experiences based on seasons, student ability, and the focus of study. The places we visit become the teacher, and the experiences and personal relationships form the content. With Ecoquest you will be challenged to strengthen your social and academic skills. This intensive experience will most benefit students who thrive on actively participating in the world around them.

### DIVERSE COMMUNITY

Students successfully transition to a new school by creating a new community together, which values inclusion and collaboration. At the beginning of the year students learn that Ecoquest functions like an ecosystem, with each relationship strengthening the whole. Each year Ecoquest alumni remark on the strong friendships they have built in the program. Similar to the biodiversity in ecosystems, the Ecoquest class benefits from diversity. Each year students learn to bike or bus from all corners of the city. Any Grade 7 student in Saskatoon Public Schools is welcome to apply.

### GETTING GEARED UP FOR ECOQUEST

- Functioning bike
- Bike helmet
- Map of Saskatoon
- Rain jacket and pants
- Warm winter boots
- Day pack
- Sleeping bag

Ecoquest provides the class with seasonal equipment such as cross-country skis, snowshoes, tents, camp stoves, etc. We will make every effort to make additional gear accessible.

### APPLICATION PROCESS

Students are eligible for the selection process based on completion of the application package found at [saskatoonpublicschools.ca/ecoquest](http://saskatoonpublicschools.ca/ecoquest). It includes a student registration form, student essay, school evaluation, and student self-assessment. The school evaluation and student essay will be assessed by the committee. All applicants meeting the eligibility will be put into a lottery. Applications are due in early April.

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GRADE 8 OUTDOOR CLASSROOM  
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### HIGHLIGHTS

- Independence and responsibility
- Gain confidence
- Outdoor skill development
- Nature immersion
- Active living
- Navigation
- Multi-day excursions

### GRADE 8 IN ECOQUEST

- Focus on ecology and social justice
- Project-based learning
- Integrated Grade 8 curriculum
- French/band not offered

*Find Your Place*

