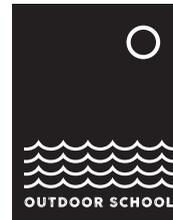


OUTDOOR SCHOOL



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OUTDOOR SCHOOL ADVANTAGE

Outdoor School's unique approach to learning challenges Grade 11 students both academically and physically. Students have an opportunity to work with many leading experts in the scientific and adventure sport community. In addition to earning five credits, students are exposed to the diversity of Saskatchewan. The integrated nature of our program allows us to travel, delivering authentic learning in a meaningful way and helping students forge a connection with our environment. Outdoor School pushes students to ask critical questions about the environment and society and helps students grow into knowledgeable, responsible, and respectful citizens. Students who thrive on challenge, or need to be challenged more, have consistently thrived in Outdoor School.

DIVERSE COMMUNITY

Based on a philosophy of outdoor, adventure, and environmental education, the Outdoor School Program has been with Saskatoon Public Schools since 1997. Our commitment to "best place" education drives us to seek out the most dynamic and engaging learning environments for our students. We travel to the places where subject matter comes alive such as the prairies, the boreal forest and the urban landscape. Grade 11 students from across Saskatoon have the opportunity to develop outdoor living skills, critical thinking, and confidence as they participate in a variety of excursions. Previous outdoor experience is not required—if learning outside of the traditional classroom is appealing, this is the program for you.

EQUIPMENT

Students will be learning in outdoor environments and consequently they need the right equipment to keep them safe. Our program has most major pieces of gear a student would need to be successful, aside from personal items. A suggested equipment list can be found on our website, but participation in the program is not based on the ability to supply equipment. Outdoor School alumni have donated, and continue to donate, many pieces of equipment necessary to have a successful semester.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Grade 10 students can find applications at saskatoonpublicschools.ca/outdoorschool, or connect with Student Services at their collegiate for more information on the application process. Application forms can be completed online.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Whitewater canoeing on Churchill River
- Hiking and skiing in the Nisbit Forest
- Skiing and snowshoeing at Blue Mountain
- Rock climbing, yoga, and cycling
- Working with local experts in the science community and adventure sport industry
- Real-world connections to science and geography
- Backpacking in Grasslands National Park

CREDITS

- Environmental Science 20
- English Language Arts 20
- Geography 20
- Physical Education 20
- Indigenous Studies 30

