

Gus Wetter School

Education Plan 2024-27



About Gus Wetter School

Home of the Raiders & Tigers

Gus Wetter School is a caring, rural school within the community of Castor where all students in the community are welcomed from Preschool to Grade 12. We offer the very best in education and opportunities to children in the communities of Castor, Halkirk, and the County of Paintearth.

Gus Wetter School hosts approximately 220 students and 20 staff.





Mission and Core Values:

- Gus Wetter is a community-oriented rural school that supports lifelong learning.
- We believe that students, parents, school staff and community members share in the educational responsibilities for learning and for the promotion of self-esteem.
- We believe in a safe, respectful, and caring learning environment where all students are encouraged to develop their potential in becoming responsible citizens.

Celebrate Learning: Achieve Excellence



Program Highlights:

Preschool for students aged 3-5

Flexible Kindergarten

K-12 public education

Community involvement

Extracurricular arts and sports

Academic and complementary programming

Off-Campus - RAP, Green Certificate, Work Experience, Dual Credit



Athletics & Extra-Curricular Programming:

Volleyball
Basketball
Badminton
Curling
Archery
Track & Field
Golf
Canoeing
Cross Country Running
Outdoor Education
Raider Theatre Drama Club



Planning for 2024-2027

- Increased focus on academic success, specifically Diploma and PAT results.
- Continued focus on optional programming at the jr/sr high school level and the continued expansion of course offerings through Dual Credit opportunities.
- Increased focus on supporting student learning through inclusive practices/universal design for learning.
- Continued focus on connection to community and involvement of parents and other stakeholders within our school community.

[Clearview Education Results Report, 2022-23](#)

[Gus Wetter Education Results Report 2022-23](#)

Trends

- With a large change over in staff over the past few years, staffing, school culture, and climate are all coming together.
- Staff have a communal focus on increasing student learning, implementing new curriculum, and building school culture.
- Initial literacy results from the 3T assessments show positive learning outcomes from our work over the last year.



Challenges

- Declining enrollment - The Town of Castor and Paintearth County continue to see a decline in population with more families moving away from our communities than moving in. This continued downward trend offers challenges for school funding and class composition.
- Staffing - the recruitment of qualified staff to positions, particularly temporary positions, continues to be a challenge. These challenges make it difficult to provide instruction in some of our Sr High level courses.



Stakeholder Engagement

- Gus Wetter staff engaged with various stakeholders in the creation of our Education Plan through parents meetings, student feedback, Alberta Education surveys and regular School Council meetings.
- Stakeholder input is reflected in the Education Plan goals selected by GWS, specifically...
 - A focus on increasing literacy, numeracy, and overall student achievement.
 - A focus on meeting individual student needs while balancing the needs of the larger school population (inclusive learning).
- The 2024-27 Education Plan draft was presented to GWS School Council in the spring of 2024 and will be shared again in the fall of 2024.



Focus on FNMI

Strategies:

- Focused professional development on FNMI teaching and learning
- Recognition events - Orange Shirt Day, MMIW
- Investment in FNMI resources for classrooms and library
- Guest speakers, performances, and activities



Outcome 1 - Literacy

Increased literacy skills among all students.

Strategies	Success Measures	Resources
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Implementation of UFLI Foundations literacy K-3- Vertical grade/curriculum integration- Cross-curricular projects- Explicit focus on academic vocabulary gr 4-12- Daily writing- Observation of colleagues- Targeted Instruction	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- 3T assessment data- Diploma and PAT results- IXL assessment data- Ascend Smarter Reading assessments- HLAT writing assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- New UFLI resources- Professional Development opportunities- Rewards Program- 3T assessment tools- Clearview Division Supports



Outcome 2 - Numeracy

Increased math proficiency among all students.

Strategies	Success Measures	Resources
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Implementation of UFLI literacy K-3- Vertical grade/curriculum integration- Cross-curricular projects- Intentional integration of numeracy into other subjects- Focus on math manipulatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- EICS assessment data- Diploma and PAT data- IXL assessment data	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Math manipulatives- Professional Development- Clearview Division Supports



Outcome 3 - Student Engagement

Responding to the unique learning needs of all students.

Strategies	Success Measures	Resources
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Universal Learning Strategies- Total Participation Techniques- Response to Intervention (RTI)- Behaviour Supports- Meaningful IPPs- Collaborative Learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- IPP goal completion- Student engagement (SOS-Q, Alberta Education Assurance Survey)- Provincial Diploma and PAT results- TOSREC, TOSWRF, TOWRE assessment results	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Alberta Education Inclusive Education- Clearview focus on Inclusive Learning- Positive Behaviour Supports- CARS- GWS FSL



Career Education

GWS is committed to providing students with real world, relevant experiences that prepare them for the world of work. These include...

- Work experience, job shadowing
- CTS / CTF programming
- Registered Apprenticeship Programming
- Green Certificate Programming
- Dual Credit Programming
- MyBlueprint resource
- Mentorship programs
- Paintearth Adult Learning courses
- Career / post-secondary fairs, expos, competitions



Professional Learning Plan

Date	Learning Activities
August 27, 2024	2024-25 School Year Start-up
August 28, 2024	Clearview Professional Learning Day - Inclusion Focus
August 29, 2024	Clearview Inclusion workshops
August 30, 2024	School Goals - Literacy, Numeracy, Inclusion
September 27, 2024	Classroom specific goals
October 11, 2024	Inclusion & Numeracy
November 1, 2024 (K-9)	New Curriculum
November 22, 2024	Inclusion & Literacy
January 29, 2025	Inclusion & Literacy & Numeracy
March 21, 2025	SIVA Training (tentative)
April 22, 2025	SIVA Training (tentative)
May 16, 2025	Clearview Professional Learning Day - Wellness focus
June 26, 2025	Year-end wrap up



Accountability



An ongoing review of Education Plan goals, progress, and implementation will take place during the 2024-25 school year. Necessary adjustments will be made on an as needed basis. Opportunities for review will take place at the following points...

- Staff meetings
- School professional development
- Division leadership meetings
- School Council Meetings
- Parent and student engagement meetings

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