

# Community Begins Here

Welcome to Seven Oaks School Division





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Seven Oaks School Division is home to nearly 12,000 students in 24 schools across a geographically, economically and culturally diverse corner of Winnipeg.

We serve one of the most unique communities in Manitoba and welcome families and students from many cultural, religious and social backgrounds. Our diverse population helps us create a unique, rich environment for all who study, work and play in our schools.

We offer education in both English and French and are committed to providing learning experiences that explore our students' roots, from wherever they stem.

Our goal is to help every student find their home in Seven Oaks, without compromising what makes each of us unique.

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## Your Future Begins Here

Did you know two of every three Seven Oaks graduates continue their education after high school?

We'd like to think that's – at least in small part – due to the boundless opportunities our high school students receive to prepare for post-secondary education and life at large.

Our students are given the opportunity to explore their passions and potential at every pass – in everyday coursework, through internships and in-timetable post-secondary classes, and via the many rich extra-curricular programs and activities.

We provide these opportunities because completing high school is more than just a finish line... it's a launch pad on the pathway to life – no matter where your path began or where it takes you.





## The Seven Oaks Difference

### Regular High School Program

Seven Oaks School Division offers outstanding high school coursework in both of Canada's official languages – English and French. Our courses cover a wide variety of areas, including core subjects like Math, Language Arts, Sciences and Social Sciences as well as specialized interests like textile and industrial design, carpentry and other trades, world issues and more.

### Dual Credit Courses

Our Beyond Grade 12 Now! program offers university and college classes right inside our high schools – all within the regular timetable and at no additional cost.

Course selection is designed to jumpstart the journey towards a career and includes offerings from Red River College, Universite de Saint-Boniface and University of Winnipeg in subject areas from English and Math to Pipe Trades and Early Childhood Education.

That means Seven Oaks students can graduate with some post-secondary course credits and experiences already in-hand and move on to university or college studies at the school of their choice with the tools to succeed.

### Extracurricular Excellence

No matter which high school they attend, our students are able to participate in a wide range of extracurricular activities. More than 80 per

cent of our kids participate in school athletics – including hockey, basketball, volleyball, football, soccer and more – and just as many enjoy arts programming like band, choir, dance and theatre.

Our priority is helping students explore their passions both in and outside the classroom, so we are continuously adding to our slate of extracurricular activities.

### EAL-Credit Courses

Our program provides international students with English language and social studies instruction at the 'E' (EAL) designated level, in addition to integrated academic instruction at the 'S' (Specialized) level.

### Personalized Support

Seven Oaks' international students enjoy the same support as our resident high school students, with a few added bonuses.

At the start of their high school journey (whether they come to Seven Oaks in Grade 9 or 12), each student is paired with a Teacher Advisor who sees them through their time at one of our high schools and provides one-on-one and group support with course selection, school issues and – often times – personal challenges.

International students are also able to turn to our International Student Advisor, who assists with English language assessments, academic planning and ongoing academic support as well as student support services.



## High School Facilities

Seven Oaks School Division has three high schools available to international students: Maples Collegiate, College Garden City Collegiate and West Kildonan Collegiate – each of which offer unique experiences that fall under the greater Community Begins Here philosophy.

Each school has undergone recent renovations to improve the student experience and allow for as diverse an education as possible – everyone finds a place to fit in and a space to do what they feel passionate about.

All our high schools include:

- Direct access to public transit
- Diverse and extensive library collections
- Access to computer labs
- Wireless internet access in some areas
- Fitness facilities and open gym times
- Music studios
- Dance studios
- Theatre space
- Art studios
- Trades-based shops (woods, metals, graphics)
- In-school food services

## What Winnipeg Offers

Winnipeg is located in the heart of Canada, making it one of the best places to earn your high school diploma.

Our diverse and multicultural city boasts a population of 700,000 and is the capital of the province of Manitoba.

We offer a wide range of festivals, running the spectrum from theatre and arts to cultural celebrations, world-class sporting events and performing arts, many concerts and tours, museums, galleries and many other attractions.

Manitoba also offers students a beautiful natural environment with wide-open prairie skies, nearby forests and some of the country's best lakes and beaches. Visitors also enjoy the changing of four distinct seasons – fall, winter, spring and summer.



**Average summer temperature**  
24°C high and 15°C low



**Average winter temperature**  
-10°C high and -20°C low



## Seven Oaks' partnership with Nacel Canada HSP

Seven Oaks School Division has been collaborating with Nacel Canada for more than 10 years. We have proudly welcomed more than 60 graduates from countries all around the world, including Brazil, Italy, Japan, Germany, Thailand, Colombia, Turkey, Mexico, Taiwan and China.

Nacel students enjoy a one-of-a-kind high school experience and can choose to either attend a Seven Oaks high school for one year or graduate from our division with a Manitoba High School Diploma.

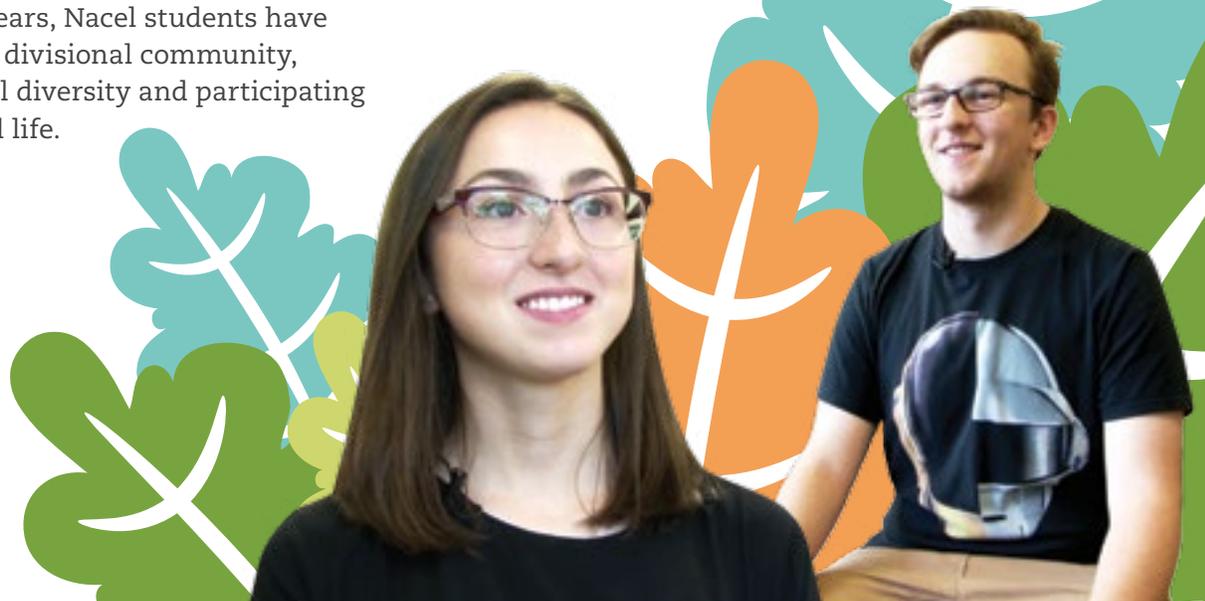
Our International Student Advisor works closely with Nacel students to choose an academic program tailored to their interests and future academic goals. In addition to a fully-integrated program with high academic standards, we provide tutoring services and academic support. During lunch and after school, students have the opportunity to participate in extracurricular clubs and activities.

Over the past 10 years, Nacel students have contributed to the divisional community, enhancing cultural diversity and participating in everyday school life.

## Accommodations

The Nacel local coordinator will match students with a suitable host family in Winnipeg. Living in a private home and sharing meals and recreational activities is a great way to experience Canadian culture and improve students' conversational English.

The Nacel local coordinator provides support and advice throughout a student's stay and – in collaboration with Seven Oaks – will ensure students have an enriching, rewarding high school experience.





## Testimonials

*“Every teacher I had was very nice. I never liked math until I came to Canada, and I had so much fun in foods class. I really enjoyed Garden City, I made many friends there. If I have a chance I will go back for sure.”*

**Sirinart Daengdee – Thailand**

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*“What I enjoyed the most about my school was the way of teaching. At my school in Winnipeg I felt really welcomed by the teachers, they were interested in you as a person and that you learn correctly, they care for each of their students and knew how to make classes interesting.”*

**Maria Alejandra Sanchez – Columbia**

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*“What I enjoyed most about my school is that I took interesting classes. I enjoyed the time at school to talk with my friends and my teachers. I was also able to be involved in our school musical, which was an amazing experience.”*

**Miyu Abe – Japan**



## Apply Today

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