



REPORT

to the community



JAS

Jameswood Alternative School

VISION

JAS students will grow to be citizens who demonstrate respect, personal responsibility, and contribute to a democratic and environmentally responsible society.

MISSION

JAS students are partners in a “family culture” of collaboration, active involvement, with the belief that everyone matters. JAS values acceptance, achievement, opportunity and safety.

About Senior Years

The Senior Years in the St. James-Assiniboia School Division provide a varied curriculum to meet the needs, interests, and abilities of students.

The programs provide a sound basis for further education or immediate employment setting. Hands-on, active participation is encouraged in all subject areas and especially in courses such as: Performing and Fine Arts, Physical Education, Career Exploration and Independent Studies.



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Teachers



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Support Staff



88

Students

Profile



SUPPORTING & CELEBRATING STUDENTS

Jameswood Alternative School fosters an inclusive environment where every student feels valued and supported. JAS offers a unique alternative for high school students, with programming that is self-directed, in an intimate learning environment. JAS students work closely with their teachers to set and achieve academic goals while building

responsibility and independence. We are dedicated to creating a culture of care that supports diverse learning styles and needs, ensuring that all students can thrive. This supportive atmosphere not only enhances academic achievement but also promotes confidence and a sense of belonging among all of our students.



COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Our families and caregivers can expect regular and ongoing communication and connections from their students' teachers and school community in the following manner: our school website is well-maintained with current information and an accurate calendar of events.

Our school presence on Instagram (@jasalternative) is active and highlights upcoming events for our students and community. Regular updates and progress learning can be accessed through PowerSchool. You can expect direct communication from your students' teachers celebrating their successes and areas for improvement.



LAST YEAR'S AREAS OF FOCUS

What did the evidence of student learning tell us?

Jameswood Alternative School staff focused on supporting students to develop a personal vision for success through building knowledge, skills and goal setting strategies for academic revision and improvement. Jameswood Alternative School staff designed and implemented significant programming intended to assist students with developing healthy pro-social behaviours through improved coping and self-regulatory strategies and opportunities to practice these skills. Developing a personal vision for success in the 2024-2025 school year, Jameswood students benefited from strategies to increase engagement in learning as part of a multi-year goal. At regularly scheduled PLC Meetings, teachers reviewed observational data and shared specific strategies that were effective for individual students so they could be implemented across curricular areas.

What are the anticipated next steps?

In 2025-26, teachers will assess and develop appropriate, individualized intervention with students, to engage students in reflection about their own learning needs. Teachers will use these reflections as part of their assessment plan. Teachers will use this information to guide instruction that is responsive to student needs while continuing with our focus on developing healthy pro-social behaviours through improved coping and self-regulatory strategies. The option also exists for interested senior years' students to participate in either Environmental Math 15F or Family Studies 15F alongside, for a full credit total.



IDENTIFIED AREAS OF FOCUS

To improve students' independence by improving their interpersonal communication skills; we will be focusing on:

1. Communication
2. Reasoning
3. Persistence
4. Resilience

We are continuing our focus into the 2025-2026 school year by engaging families more intentionally (teacher/student 1:1 conferencing).

The staff at JAS also plan to engage a variety of guest speakers who can share their experiences related to our identified areas of focus; we hope this will help inspire our learners.

2025-2026 PLANNING



The staff at JAS also plan to engage a greater number of families and caregivers in the programming that impacts the success of their student. At JAS, reconciliation is a lived commitment. Through land-based learning, connecting with Elders, and celebrating the unique gift of students, we continue to walk this path with purpose and respect.



INDIGENOUS-INCLUSIVE EDUCATION

An Indigenous-inclusive education system is grounded in Indigenous histories, cultures, languages, traditional values, and knowledges. An equitable school community fosters a sense of belonging in all learners so that they feel they can succeed, take responsibility, and find their purpose in life. Jameswood Alternative School is committed to:

- Authentic learning experiences with Elders and Knowledge Keepers.
- Celebrating student's gift and successes.
- Opportunities for students to learn about traditional medicines and smudging.
- Celebrating Indigenous excellence.
- Infusing Indigenous ways of knowing and being across all subject areas.
- Reflecting on our practices using the Mamahawisiwin Policy.