

APPLICATION FOR OUT OF ATTENDANCE AREA ENROLLMENT CREE LANGUAGE PROGRAM John Diefenbaker Public School

Saskatchewan Rivers Public School Division is pleased to share an exciting update about the Cree Language Program at John Diefenbaker School. Beginning in the 2025–26 school year, the Cree Language Program will include busing for students residing within the City of Prince Albert attendance areas. Transportation will be provided to students enrolled in the Cree Language and Culture program that live out of the John Diefenbaker Public School attendance area.

Key Points:

- The program remains open to all families in Prince Albert, with priority given to Indigenous students and those interested in Cree language and culture.
- Busing is now available within the City of Prince Albert attendance areas.
- Enrollment continues to be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.
- A waitlist will be created if the program reaches capacity.

We are proud to take this step toward greater access and inclusion, and we look forward to welcoming more families into the Cree Language Program.

Out of attendance area enrollment will be guided by the following criteria:

1. Application

- Applications will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis, pending transportation feasibility and space availability.

Priority Enrollment Criteria:

- **Priority will be given to Cree students** or those who have strong family or community ties to the Cree language and culture.
- **Out of attendance area students** will be considered based on available space.
- **Busing is available only for eligible students** within the City of Prince Albert attendance areas. The safe haven option may be an option for families that live out of the City of Prince Albert.

2. Eligibility

- The program is open to all families, with priority given to Indigenous students and those with a demonstrated interest in learning the Cree language and culture.
- A waitlist will be maintained once capacity is reached.

3. Program Capacity

- Enrollment of out of attendance area students must fit within overall classroom capacity limits and will not displace neighborhood students.

4. Commitment to Language and Culture

- Families are encouraged to commit to long-term participation to support consistent language learning.
- Active engagement in program activities, cultural learning, and school events will help the students, staff and community grow in their ability to speak Cree.

5. Attendance

- Students need to maintain regular attendance. Out of attendance area families will be removed from the Cree program if attendance is irregular so that the spot can be given to another family on the waitlist.

Application for Out of Attendance Area Enrollment

Student Information

- Student Full Name: _____
- Date of Birth (DD/MM/YYYY): _____
- Current Address: _____
- City: _____
- Postal Code: _____
- Current School (if applicable): _____
- Grade Applying For (PreK, K, 1): _____

Parent/Guardian Information

- Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____
- Phone Number: _____
- Email Address: _____

Sibling Information (Please attach an additional sheet to list more than two siblings)

Name: _____ Date of Birth: ____/____/____
Surname First Name month/day/year

Name: _____ Date of Birth: ____/____/____
Surname First Name month/day/year

First Nation or Métis Declaration (Optional)

To help us support the program's goals of Indigenous language revitalization and ensure equitable access, families are invited to declare their community affiliation below. This information is voluntary and will be kept confidential.

- ☐ *First Nation* – Name of First Nation: _____
- ☐ *Métis* – Name of Métis Local or Organization (if applicable): _____
- ☐ *Not applicable / Prefer not to answer*

Commitment and Interest

Please briefly describe why you are interested in enrolling your child in the Cree Language Program and your commitment to Cree language and cultural learning:

- ☐ *I understand that space is limited and that applications are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.*
- ☐ *I commit to supporting my child's participation in Cree language learning and cultural activities.*

Transportation

- ☐ *I am requesting busing within the City of Prince Albert schools' attendance area.*
- ☐ *I do not require busing.*

Declaration

By signing below, I confirm that the information provided is accurate and that I am applying for my child to attend the Cree Language Program at John Diefenbaker Public School as an out of attendance area student.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please return completed applications to **John Diefenbaker Public School**, 1090 Branion Drive, Prince Albert or by email to jcross@srsd119.ca. You will be contacted regarding enrollment status and transportation arrangements.