

## CARING, LEARNING AND GROWING TOGETHER

**N**'Swakamok Alternative School is housed at the N'Swakamok Native Friendship Centre in downtown Sudbury in a Native cultural setting. Learning takes place in a quiet, relaxed atmosphere where teachers and students work together.

The program is based on individualized, independent learning courses that students can complete at their own pace. Native cultural components are incorporated into the program. Opportunities in co-operative education help students decide on a career choice.



**T**he culturally based program provides one to one tutoring, small and large group instruction with an integration of Native content and traditional ways of teaching. The program offers reading and math upgrading in a native setting.

One of the objectives of the program is to enhance existing material to make the material more culturally inclusive.

Students who are successful in the program are ready to apply for College, University or for a job in the work force.

## WAKENDAASIJIG PROGRAM “For those that want to learn”

**F**or Aboriginal students between 16 and 18 years of age who are considered “at risk” for completing secondary school and have achieved few credits.

The purpose of the Wakendaasijig Program is to provide an alternative learning environment for “at risk” students.

Students will be provided a supportive learning environment which promotes regular school attendance, attempts to improve social skills and attitudes towards school and motivates students to complete their credits.

Students may be considered for the program after appropriate interventions have been attempted at their home school.

**STUDENTS MUST BE OVER 18 YEARS**

## **ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF STUDENTS**

- Attend school 20 hours per week
- Complete a minimum of two lessons per week
- Participate in weekly student meetings
- Complete one journal per month
- Participate in school activities and fundraising

## **SAMPLE OF COURSES AVAILABLE**

- ◆ Philosophy Grade 12
- ◆ Math: Grades 9-12
- ◆ English: Grades 9-12
- ◆ Native History: Grade 10
- ◆ Canadian History: Grade 10
- ◆ Native Parenting: Grade 12
- ◆ Parenting: Grade 11
- ◆ Science: Grade 9-11
- ◆ Computers: Grade 11
- ◆ Civics
- ◆ Learning Strategies
- ◆ Career Studies
- ◆ Foods & Nutrition: Grade 10
- ◆ Health for Life: Grade 11
- ◆ Entrepreneurial Studies Grade 11
- ◆ Art Grade 9

## **OUR MISSION**

**T**he mission of the N ' S w a k a m o k Alternative School is to offer a holistic and culturally inclusive educational program that is sensitive to the needs of First Nation, Metis and Inuit students. We support all students as they work toward their secondary, post-secondary, career and/or personal goals.

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