

Definition/Description:

Education is recognized as a very important aspect of both individual and population health. It can greatly influence how we communicate and function in our communities, and also drive our employability and income levels. All individuals are entitled to a high quality education and as individuals obtain this education, they develop their potential and acquire knowledge, skills and attitudes which make them an important asset to society.

A wide range of educational opportunities can be acquired through a variety of settings. These include public, independent and home schools, and at various levels including elementary, secondary, and post-secondary. Elementary schools refer to schools that offer programs for Kindergarten to Grade 8, typically those children and youth aged 5 to 15. Secondary schools offer programs for students from Senior 1 (S1) to Senior 4 (S4), more traditionally known as Grades 9 to 12.

Method

Information pertaining to schools was obtained by reviewing various reports from Manitoba Education and Youth, Council on Post-Secondary Education and Manitoba Advanced Education.

Source:

The sources of information for this section:

1. Manitoba Education, Training and Youth-Advanced Education. Annual Report 2001-2002
2. Manitoba Education and Youth. Enrollment Report 2002
3. Manitoba Education and Youth. Schools in Manitoba 2003
4. Manitoba Education and Youth. Web-site 2004 (www.edu.gov.mb.ca)
5. Council on Post-Secondary Education. Web-site 2004 (www.copse.mb.ca)

Findings:

Number of Schools within the Winnipeg Health Region, 2003

School Category or Division	Total # of Schools	# of Elementary Schools	# of Secondary Schools
Louis Riel School Division	40	33	18
Pembina Trails School Division	33	29	14
River East Transcona School Division	42	36	14
Seven Oaks School Division	20	17	3
St. James-Assiniboia School Division	27	22	6
Winnipeg School Division	82	75	27
Seine River School (within WHR)	4	3	1
Funded Independent Schools	41	38	19
Non-Funded Independent Schools	4	3	3
Home Schools	162	n/a	n/a
Total Schools in WHR	455	256	105

Note: The number of elementary and secondary schools do not correspond with the total number of schools because schools offering K-S4 are counted as both.

Alignment of School Divisions to Community Areas

Community Area Name	School Division	Alignment with Community Areas
St. James-Assiniboia	St. James-Assiniboia	This school division covers the same CA it represents.
Assiniboine South	Pembina Trails	Except for the area of Assiniboine Park which is part of the Winnipeg School Division.
Fort Garry	Pembina Trails	Except for the most southern area beyond the Perimeter Highway which is part of the Seine River School Division.
St. Vital	Louis Riel	This school division covers two CAs.
St. Boniface	Louis Riel	This school division covers two CAs.
Transcona	River East Transcona	This school division covers two CAs.
River East	River East Transcona	Except for a small area south of Larsen and Nottingham Avenues to south of Thomas Avenue and east of the Red River to Panet Rd. This area is part of the Winnipeg School Division.
Seven Oaks	Seven Oaks	This school division covers the same CA it represents.
Inkster	Winnipeg	Except for a small area of Notre Dame Avenue north to Selkirk Avenue and Caithness Road east to Keewatin Street which is part of St. James-Assiniboia.
Point Douglas	Winnipeg	This school division spans four CAs.
Downtown	Winnipeg	This school division spans four CAs.
River Heights	Winnipeg	This school division spans four CAs.

Highlights:**Elementary and Secondary Schools**

- Residents of the Winnipeg Health Region have access to 13 grades of elementary and secondary education, ranging from Kindergarten to Senior 4.
- Families have the option of choosing schools that offer specialty language programming to students such as English, Français, French Immersion, Ukrainian, German and Hebrew.
- Within the Winnipeg school system, there are six school divisions (Louis Riel, Pembina Trails, River East Transcona, Seven Oaks, St. James-Assiniboia and Winnipeg) which equates to 244 schools.
- There are also 41 Funded Independent Schools, 4 Non-Funded Independent Schools and approximately 162 Home schools.
- In total, there are approximately 455 elementary and secondary schools in the Winnipeg Health Region.
- It is important to note that school division boundaries do not align with community area boundaries.
- The Health Region boundaries, in some cases, extend somewhat beyond the school division boundaries which is true of a few schools from the Seine River School Division.

Post-Secondary Facilities

- Post-Secondary education is available to residents of the WHR and surrounding areas in a diverse range of facility types.
- Facilities numbering approximately 60, include both public and private universities and colleges, private vocational schools and public technical training institutes.
- The largest and most recognized public universities in the Winnipeg Health Region are the University of Manitoba and the University of Winnipeg.
- The University of Manitoba's main campus is located in the Fort Garry CA and its Bannatyne Campus is located in the Downtown CA.

- The University of Winnipeg's main campus, as well as its two satellite sites, are located in the Downtown CA.
- Red River Community College is the most well-known college in the WHR and is located in the St. James-Assiniboia CA, bordering on the Inkster CA. The College's satellite sites include the Princess Street Campus and Stevenson Aviation & Aerospace Training Centre.
- Manitoba Education & Youth produces a provincial directory of all schools, school divisions and districts annually. This Directory, entitled *Schools in Manitoba*, includes addresses, telephone and fax numbers and e-mail addresses, as well as the number of teachers, student enrollment, the grade range and language programming offered. For further information, one can visit the web site at www.edu.gov.mb.ca.
- The Council on Post-Secondary Education and Manitoba Advanced Education offer detailed information on colleges, universities and other educational and training bodies.