



WETASKIWIN REGIONAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS



Buck Mountain Central School

Outreach Program

Information Package

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**Wetaskiwin Regional
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On-Campus Outreach Program for Buck Mountain Central School

What is the Program?

This program is intended to provide the Buck Lake area with an alternative educational opportunity for students. The outreach program will allow students the opportunity to complete their high school through independent learning. Students are able to work at their own pace, at home or at the outreach program.

Goals

- To provide an environment in which students feel both safe and comfortable so that they can work in a responsible way at their own pace to meet their academic needs.
- To meet the educational, career, and social-emotional needs of students regardless of their background or previous issues or difficulties.
- To actively engage students and their families, working in partnership with professional support offered by the school, in ensuring a positive and meaningful educational experience.
- To assist students in achieving a high school diploma.

Students

The program is meant to address the needs of students who:

- May have had difficulties with attendance, social skills or other expectations of the traditional school.
- May be used to a home education program or are contemplating a home education program.
- May wish to combine the work force with completing their education
- May have experienced a great deal of anxiety in the traditional school setting
- May wish to combine some aspects of traditional schooling with a self-directed (independent) approach.

The program is not intended to serve students with severe behavioral or emotional issues or needs.

Student benefits:

- Students enrolled in the outreach program have access to resources from Buck Mountain Central School.

- Students enrolled in the outreach program may compete on all Buck Mountain Central Sports Teams and Clubs.
- Students enrolled in the outreach program are able to participate in all Buck Mountain student activities – including ski trips, field trips, etc.
- Students enrolled in the outreach program are able to graduate with their fellow students at Buck Mountain Central. (All graduation requirements of Buck Mountain must be adhered to.)

Part time/blended students

Students from Buck Mountain Central who chose to take distance education courses may do so through the outreach program.

Students will be expected to work on their courses in the classroom assigned to them by the school.

Enrolment Guidelines

Students must be under the age of 20 as of September 1. Students may register as *full-time students* if they are not registered at another school or as *part-time (blended) students* if they are taking courses at Buck Mountain.

Grade levels: Students from grade 8 – 12 are eligible to attend the outreach program.

Location of the Program: This will be an on-campus program. This location will offer students the opportunity to access the program through the regular bus routes offered by Wetaskiwin Public Schools. As well, students will have the opportunity to access programs from Buck Mountain Central School. Students will also be able to participate in the social, cultural and athletic activities of Buck Mountain School.

Programming

The following courses will be available to students:

Grade 8/9: Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, Language Arts

Grades 10/11/12: Courses that meet the requirements for the Alberta High School Diploma. This includes courses in mathematics, social studies, English and the sciences. Other courses such as CALM, some CTS courses, Work Experience and so on will be offered.

All students will be able to access the following courses from Buck Mountain Central School: Physical Education, Band, Art, Industrial Arts, Fabrications, Communications, Information Processing, Legal Studies, Forensics, Foods, Home Economics and Outdoor Education.

The following services will be accessible from Buck Mountain Central High and personnel will be able to serve the needs of students in the outreach program: Family School Liaison Worker; FNMI Worker and Career Counselor.

Individualized Learning Opportunities:

For students who may want to combine traditional schooling with the outreach program, individualized programs combining various delivery methods (i.e. distance education, blended home/school programs) can be set up. In this way, a truly flexible approach can be taken to meet the needs of students.

Type of Programming:

Students will use material from the Alberta Distance Learning Centre, along with locally developed materials. Student work will be marked on site or by ADLC personnel. Students will be offered the option of taking courses directly from ADLC in either traditional print format or on-line.

Hours of Operation:

The program will operate out of Buck Mountain Central and will be open during the school day.

Attendance Requirements (for full time outreach students only)

This program is “production based” and not “attendance based”. All students in the program will be required to establish a schedule for completing and handing in assignments. While the school will be open for students to work or access help, students will not be required to attend every day.

- Grade 8 and 9 students will be required to report to the program at least two days per week.
- Grade 10 – 12 students will be required to report to the program at least once per week.

As noted, all students will be required to adhere to the assignment completion schedule they establish.

Students who opt to take courses from Buck Mountain Central will be required to adhere to the attendance requirements of Buck Mountain Central School.

Please note: Part time students or students on a blended program (i.e. a student attending Buck Mountain Central but taking a distance education course) must attend during the time they are scheduled for the distance education course.

Course Completion Contracts

Upon admission to the program, students will be required to enter into a contractual agreement:

- To complete modules by agreed upon dates.
- To maintain contact with the program teacher

Failure to meet the contractual requirements may result in the termination of the student's active status in the program.

Students who are using the outreach program to complete graduation requirements for Buck Mountain School must be aware of, and meet, those requirements.

Buck Mountain Distance Learning/Outreach Program Fees

Fees for all courses will be assessed dependent upon fees charged by ADLC, and will be payable/submitted to Buck Mountain Central School. Please note: While text book rental fees may be refundable, all other course costs are **non-refundable** and fees are dependent upon materials necessary for selected course.

COSTS THAT MAY BE APPLICABLE DEPENDENT UPON SELECTED COURSE:

Registration Fee **(non-refundable)**:

Tuition will vary according to course fees charged by ADLC

** (Please see ADLC's course costs for applicable costs for your selected course/s) **

Student Materials that may be applicable according to course selection **(non-refundable)**:

Resources Booklet/Module Package

Lesson Materials/Assignment Booklet Package

Exam Fee

Novel

Textbook Rental Fees:

Approximately 80% refundable by ADLC (if returned in good condition)

Applicable refund will be given once ADLC has refunded BMC

Submission of Assignments:

Students are expected to submit their own work to ADLC

(In most cases, this can be done via a student drop box or via email to marker)

Students choosing to mail printable work are responsible for proper labeling of work & all postal costs

NOTE: Materials will not be ordered until the fees have been paid. Once materials have been ordered and a student registered in a course, the course fee is not refundable.

EXCEPTION: Fees will be waived for students who are placed into a course by the school or where a student, usually only in grade 11, does not have the option of taking the course in school. For instance: Physics 20 is usually offered without providing students with the option of another course to take. In this case, since students are not allowed to have a spare, the school will provide distance learning courses (from a select course list) to the student without charge. Students who wish to make individual course selections, not on our offered list, will be responsible for the applicable costs.

Evaluation

Junior High Courses

- Students must complete all assignments/modules according to the schedule established.
- Students must achieve minimum of 50% on course assignments to write the final examination.
- Final mark is calculated:
 - Course work: 50-70%
 - Final exam: 30-50%
- Students must achieve a minimum of 40% on the final exam for the course work to count.
- Grade 9 students will be registered to write the achievement tests.

High School Courses

- Students must complete all assignments/modules according to the schedule established.
- Students must achieve minimum of 50% of course assignments to write the final examination.
- Final mark is calculated:
 - Course work: 50-70%
 - Final exam: 30-50%
- Students must achieve a minimum of 40% on the final exam for the course work to count.
- Grade 12 Diploma Examination Courses:
 - Course Work and Final Exam: 70%
 - Diploma Examination 30%

Note: All examinations must be written in the outreach classroom.

Student Behaviour Policy

- Students are permitted to be in attendance to complete course work, write exams or access assistance from the teacher during program hours.
- Students must work in their assigned classroom.
- Students who come to the program via the school bus must work in the library of Buck Mountain Central or other assigned classroom, unless they are attending a class at Buck Mountain Central. These students must follow the rules and guidelines of Buck Mountain Central.
- Students who come to the program via the school bus are expected to spend the entire day and are not allowed to leave the program or Buck Mountain Central unless permission to leave by the parents has been provided to the outreach teacher.
- Students are not allowed to smoke while attending the program or on Buck Mountain Central School grounds.
- The use of alcohol or drugs is strictly forbidden and students who use these substances will be withdrawn from the program.
- Students who drive may use the student's parking lot.
- Students who elect to stay and work in the program classroom are expected to do so quietly and to respect the learning environment. [Please note that attendance is not mandatory.]

Part-time/blended students:

- Students will be expected to work on their courses in the classroom space assigned to them.

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