



JK IMPLEMENTATION

JUNIOR KINDERGARTEN IS CURRENTLY OFFERED IN 20 COMMUNITIES IN THE NWT.

- There are currently 20 communities offering either full day or half day Junior Kindergarten programming for the 2016-17 school year, including: Aklavik, Fort McPherson, Ulukhaktok, Tsiigehtchic, Sachs Harbour, Tuktoyaktuk, Fort Simpson, Nahanni Butte, Fort Liard, Wrigley, Kakisa, Jean Marie River, Colville Lake, Déljñę, Fort Good Hope, Norman Wells, Tulita, Łutselk'e, Dettah, and Ndilo.
- Territorial implementation of Junior Kindergarten is planned for 2017-18 and will provide all 4-year old children with the necessary foundation for learning and a strong start in both school and life.
- With territorial implementation, JK will be provided in schools in all communities at no charge to parents. However, the decision to enroll a child will be at the discretion of their parents.
- Through an engaging play-based and inquiry-based approach, JK provides a safe and caring environment that promotes the cognitive, social, emotional, spiritual and physical development of all children.
- Education Authorities will have the choice to hire Junior Kindergarten teachers with a two-year diploma in Early Childhood Development from an accredited postsecondary institution or those with a Bachelor of Education degree.



- To complement existing community programs, implementation of the JK program in communities can be provided on a full-day or half-day basis. This will be at the discretion of the local District Education Authority (DEA).
- The DEA will have the ability to implement JK in a manner that will work with Aboriginal Head Start programs and other early childhood development programs within their communities.