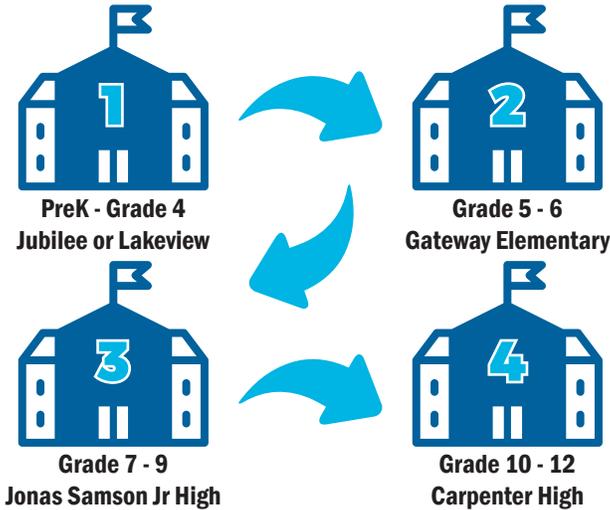


Let's talk about transitions!

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School transitions are the conversions students go through as they change schools throughout their lives. These transitions play a major role in the development of young people's decisions and serve as a milestone which can direct them in a number of ways.

A child in Meadow Lake will attend **4** schools over the course of their K-12 education.



This means that **3** times we require students to transition to a new school, with new staff, in a new environment.

Most students in Saskatchewan will have 1 or 2 transitions, or none at all.

They might attend an Elementary, a Middle and a High School;



an Elementary School and a High School;



or they might attend one school for their entire school career (K - 12).



When a child changes schools they can experience anxiety, have trouble building relationships with both their peers and staff, and can often take months out of the school year to adjust to the new school environment.

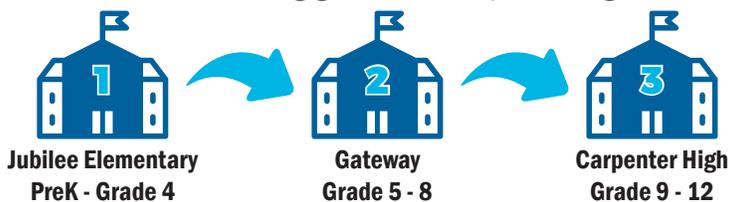
BOTTOM LINE: School transitions can have a negative impact on student learning and achievement.

So what can we do?

The NWSD Board of Education and administration are committed to creating a learning environment where all students can be successful.

To NWSD, this means changing our Meadow Lake schools so that students will have one less transition.

We are investigating changes to make both Gateway Elementary School and Jonas Samson Junior High School into grade 5-8 schools, and moving grade 9 to Carpenter High School.



We are in the early stages of this process and any changes would not go into effect until **Fall 2019**.

We understand that there will be many questions about what this may mean for your family and we will provide opportunities for public engagement and to hear from our communities.

The Board of Education and NWSD administration will host a public meeting **May 30th at 7:00 pm at Carpenter High**.