

What is Following Their Voices?

Following Their Voices (FTV) is an initiative designed to raise the educational achievement and participation of First Nations, Métis and Inuit students in Saskatchewan schools.

The program focuses on:

- building and enhancing relationships between students and teachers,
- teacher practice and learning strategies to support student engagement, and
- creating safe, well-managed learning environments.

FTV is a Saskatchewan-specific initiative based on research conducted with First Nations, Inuit, and Métis students, parents/caregivers, teachers, and school administrators about how schools can provide what those students need from their education.

Carpenter High School is in year five of the Following Their Voices program and has seen significant improvement in outcomes for First Nations, Métis and Inuit students.











The following data was collected and shared from the Saskatchewan Ministry of Education and Following Their Voices Annual Reporting.

How is Following Their Voices improving student outcomes?



Credit Attainment

In Saskatchewan, high school students must earn 24 credits in order to graduate. The average number of credits attained by Grade 10-12 Indigenous students increased by 2.31 between the 2014-2015 school year and the 2021-2022 school year.

Average Credits per year Grade 10-12

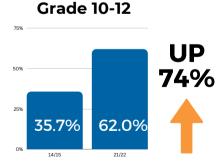


Indigenous Students are earning more credits per year.

Earning eight credits a year in grade 10, 11 and 12, puts a student on track to earning 24 credits and graduating in three years.

In the 2014-2015 school year, just 35.7% of Indigenous students achieved eight or more credits in grade 10-12. In the 2021-2022 school year the percentage of Indigenous students who earned eight or more credits in grade 10-12 had grown to 62.0%. That's an increase of 74% - or roughly 53 more students.

8+ Credits per year,



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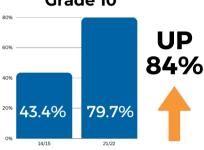
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Grade 10 is a critical year, as it is the first year students start earning credits. Earning eight or more credits in grade 10 means a student is significantly more likely to complete high school in three years.

In the 2014-2015 school year, 43.4% of Indigenous students in grade 10 earned eight or more credits. In the 2021-2022 school year, 79.7% of Indigenous students in grade 10 earned eight or more credits - that's an improvement of 84%, or an additional 28 grade 10 students earning eight or more credits.

8+ Credits per year, Grade 10



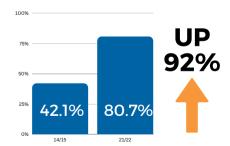
More Indigenous grade 10 students are on track to graduate.

Graduation Rates

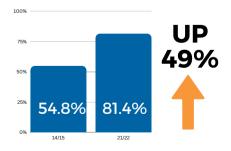
Graduation data is tracked by students earning 24 high school credits, including many required courses, over a three year period (Grade 10, 11, and 12). Students who earn 24 credits in three years are considered to graduate "on time". But, many students earn credits on a schedule that suits their academic needs, so graduation statistics are also kept for students who graduate in five years.

In the 2014-2015 school year the Indigenous 3 year grad rate was 42.1%. In the 2021-2022 school year, the 3 year grad rate for Indigenous students was 80.7% - an increase of 92%. In the 2014-2015 school year the Indigenous 5 year grad rate was 54.8%. In the 2021-2022 school year, the 5 year grad rate for Indigenous students was 81.4% - an increase of 49%.

3 Year Grad Rates



5 Year Grad Rates



Indigenous students are close to experiencing equity in outcomes to their non-Indigenous peers.



Overall Student Outcomes

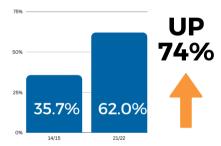
Over the same time period that data was tracked for graduation rates and credit attainment for Indigenous students, we also have data for the overall student population. We celebrate the Following Their Voices initiative and the hard work of teachers, staff and students for improving outcomes for Indigenous students and all students at Carpenter High School.

Indigenous Students

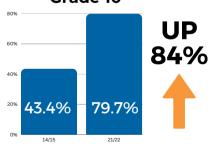
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8+ Credits per year, Grade 10



3 Year Grad Rate

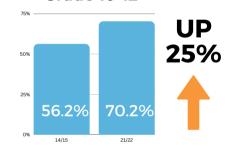


Overall Results

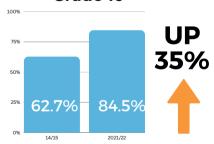
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