

RETSD Gears Up for Hot Weather

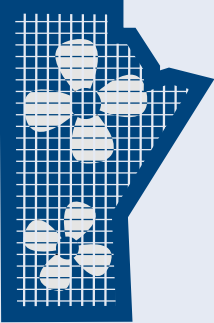
While hot weather may be welcome after a long winter, it can sometimes result in classrooms that feel too warm. Despite high temperatures, schools remain open, so River East Transcona School Division continues to explore ways to keep students cool in school.

A comfortable learning environment is important, and staff and students have found some ways to beat the heat:

- Bringing in portable fans.
- Rotating classes through air-conditioned or cooler spaces (e.g., basement classrooms).
- Running fans and other measures overnight to cool buildings down.
- Dressing for the weather.
- Turning lights off, closing blinds, and opening windows for air circulation.
- Taking learning outdoors to shady spaces.
- Selecting learning activities appropriate for the weather.
- Remaining hydrated.
- Running cool water over the wrists.
- Wrapping a damp cloth around the back of the neck.
- Telling an adult if the heat is making them feel unwell.
- Monitoring students for heat stress.

In preparation to combat the heat, RETSD is able to rent large air-conditioning (ac) units until the end of June, and also the beginning of September for the following schools: John Pritchard and Lord Wolseley schools; École John Henderson, École Munroe, and John W. Gunn middle schools; and Collège Miles Macdonell, Murdoch MacKay, and Transcona collegiates. If you choose to keep your child(ren) at home due to the heat, please notify their school(s).

Did You Know?



RETSD includes AC requests in yearly capital plans submitted to the province.

RETSD has 42 schools with an average age of 61 years and three schools over 100 years old. Nine schools have full AC, 25 have partial AC, and eight are without AC.

