

FHQTC EDUCATION NEWSLETTER

Spring 2026



Summer learning is back!

FHQ Virtual School Opens Enrollment for July 2026
Looking for a flexible way to earn high school credits this summer? FHQ Virtual School is once again opening its virtual classroom doors to students across Grades 10–12, with a strong lineup of courses designed to fit around busy summer schedules. This summer, we are offering a great selection of courses:

- Workplace and Apprenticeship Math 10 (WAM10)
- Workplace and Apprenticeship Math 20 (WAM20)
- Science 10
- Health Science 20
- English Language Arts 10
- English Language Arts 30
- Native Studies 10
- Native Studies 20
- Native Studies 30

Best of all, summer school is free for eligible students through FHQTC.

Running from July 2 to July 29, 2026, our summer program gives students the chance to pick up credits at their own pace, with real teacher support every step of the way. Whether you're looking to get ahead, catch up, or finally take that course you've been thinking about, our virtual classroom is built to help you succeed in a supportive learning environment!

Spots tend to fill up quickly, so we encourage students and families to apply early and reserve a seat before the program starts.

Ready to get started? Visit www.fhqvirtualschool.net/register to apply online, or give us a call at 306-331-5990 if you have questions. You can also stop by our office at 740 Sioux Ave., Fort Qu'Appelle, SK.

We look forward to learning with you this summer! 🌻🌟

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PROFILE

Mihar Kathiriya

Computer Technician

Mihar is the latest addition to the FHQ Education team. Say hello if you see him in the building!

I recently joined the FHQTC Education team as an IT Technician. I graduated from the University of Regina with a degree in Computer Science and came to Canada as an international student in 2019. I'm originally from India, and since moving here, I've had the chance to experience both Western and First Nations cultures, which has been a meaningful part of my journey.

Being away from family has helped me grow, adapt, and appreciate the connections I build along the way. In my role, I work with the team to support schools with their technology needs, from setting up devices to troubleshooting and keeping things running smoothly for staff and students. Outside of work, I enjoy photography and animation, and I like exploring new technologies, especially AI tools. I also enjoy going down random rabbit holes learning new things and finding simple ways to make everyday tech a bit easier to use. I'm excited to be part of the team and looking forward to working with everyone.



Learning Opportunity

FILE HILLS QU'APPELLE TRIBAL COUNCIL - EDUCATION

FIRST NATIONS PRINCIPALS SHORT COURSE

August 12-14, 2026 | Wanuskewin Heritage Park, Saskatoon, SK
Empowering Leadership Strengthening Governance • Building Nations

This three-day short course is designed to support educational leaders, administrators, and aspiring managers in First Nations education systems. Participants will engage in professional learning that strengthens administrative capacity, promotes culturally grounded leadership, and deepens understanding of governance within First Nations contexts.

Themes Explored

- Current Context of Indian Education - examining trends, policies, and evolving realities in First Nations education
- Instructional Leadership - leading teaching and learning with a focus on student success and cultural identity
- School Legalities - understanding laws, policies, and responsibilities in First Nations school administration

Who Should Attend

- School Administrators and Principals
- Education Directors and Managers.
- Band and Tribal Council Education Staff
- Aspiring Leaders in Education

Program Highlights

- ✓ Facilitated by experienced indigenous education professionals
- Interactive workshops and guided discussions
- Networking opportunities with leaders from across Nations
- ✓ Certificate of Completion

Hosted by:
File Hills Qu'Appelle Tribal Council- Education Department
Location: Wanuskewin Heritage Park Saskatoon, SK.

Contact: Devin Akapew
devin.akapew@fhqtc.net

Registration

First Nations Principals Short Course

The First Nations Principals Short Course is a three-day professional learning opportunity designed to support educational leaders, administrators, and aspiring managers in First Nations education systems.

Participants will engage in learning that strengthens administrative capacity, promotes culturally grounded leadership, and deepens understanding of governance within First Nations contexts.

Themes explored include the current context of First Nation education, instructional leadership with a focus on student success and cultural identity, and school legalities including laws, policies, and administrative responsibilities.

This course features interactive workshops, guided discussions, and networking opportunities with leaders from across Nations.

Participants will receive a Certificate of Completion.

Contact Devin for more info at devin.akapew@fhqtc.net.

UPCOMING EVENTS



SAVE THE DATE

**FHQ EDUCATION
LANGUAGE CAMP**

**JULY 21-23, 2026
TREATY 4 POWWOW GROUNDS**

Open to families wanting to learn
Registration to follow

File Hills Qu'Appelle Tribal Council Education Welcome Gathering

Join us on **August 27, 2026**, at the Queensbury Convention Centre.

This year's gathering, themed "Embracing the Science of Learning," will bring together educators, leaders, and staff for a day of connection, inspiration, and professional learning. The event will include a pipe ceremony, keynote address, breakout sessions, networking opportunities, and recognition of educators.

More details and a full agenda will be shared soon. For inquiries, contact Devin Akapew at devin.akapew@fhqtc.net

FHQ Education Language Camp

FHQ Education is excited to host our Language Camp this summer on **July 21-23, 2026** at the Treaty 4 Powwow Grounds.

Join us for a meaningful gathering focused on language, culture, and connection. This camp is open to families who want to learn and grow together. Registration details coming soon — stay tuned!

Save the Date!

**FHQ EDUCATION
WELCOME GATHERING**

Pathways of Learning

August 27, 2026 | Queensbury Convention Centre | Educators Leaders Community

KEYNOTE ADDRESS | BREAKOUT SESSIONS | NETWORKING & VENDORS | TEACHER APPRECIATION

MORE DETAILS AND FULL AGENDA
COMING SOON

Student opportunity: EF Tour to Japan March 2027

From Michael Koops, Principal of Virtual School and ABE:

“Next spring (2027), I’m taking a group of students to Japan. We’ll be over there for nine days, March 26 to April 3, 2027, with EF Educational Tours, leaving from Regina.

It’s a packed trip. We start in Tokyo with three days of exploring:

- temples in Asakusa
- the museums and gardens of Ueno Park
- the electronics shops in Akihabara
- walking tours through Harajuku and Shibuya

From there we head to Kamakura to see the Great Buddha, then into the Fuji-Hakone region for a cable car ride and a night near Mount Fuji. After that, we will take the bullet train to Kyoto, where we will visit the Golden Pavilion, walk through the Arashiyama Bamboo Forest, and see the Fushimi Inari shrine with its thousands of red gates. We finish up with a guided day in Nara at the Todaiji Temple before flying home.

EF / EDUCATIONAL TOURS

JAPAN: LAND OF THE RISING SUN

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Led by Michael Koops
Group Leader

March 26–April 3, 2027
Requested trip dates

Departing from Regina, SK
Requested departure city

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EXPERIENCE authentic culture and local traditions

TRAVEL with expert guides and our group

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I would really like to get some students from our schools to join us on this trip. It’s the kind of experience that doesn’t come along very often. If you have a kid who might be interested, or you just want to know more about it, reach out at Michael.Koops@fhqtc.net.

Happy to talk anyone through it.”

PHOTO COLLAGE

Philip Brass is our contracted FHQ Education Land-base Instructor who was at Tatanka Najin School on May 1st and demonstrated a Goose Roast with students.



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