



# **AREA 3 - BLACK RIVER FIRST NATION**



# Traditional

**community name:** Makadewaagamijiwanong (Little Black Flowing Water)



## Access:

Paved all-weather road with approximately 4 km gravel road into the community



**Population:** Approximately 700



**Treaty territory:** Treaty 5



#### Location:

On the eastern shore of Lake Winnipeg, 156 km northeast of Winnipeg.



**School:** Black River Anishinabe School



Indigenous Language(s):

Anishinabemowin (Ojibwe dialect)

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Average Temperatures:JanuaryJulyHigh -14°CHigh 27°CLow -24°CLow 19°C

## **BLACK RIVER ANISHINABE SCHOOL**

**Grades:** Nursery to Grade 10 **Enrollment:** Approximately 230 **Staff:** 33

Frontier School Division is known for friendly people, cultural diversity, and the natural beauty of Northern Manitoba.

We are committed to the success of all students and believe that quality, inclusive education includes Indigenous perspectives, local language(s) and cultural programming. Providing meaningful, appropriate, and locally relevant education is a shared responsibility of all staff members.



### Teacherages

There are eight units located next to the school, all are three bedroom units. Frontier School Division subsidizes rental fees and provides maintenance.

Teacherages in Black River are fully furnished and pets are allowed. Wireless high speed internet is available through Explornet or Starlink.

### **PROGRAM AND ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHT**

The school offers an Ojibwe language program for grades N to 8. A Facebook page for the Black River Anishinabe School Language Group features activities and language exercises for students, their parents, grandparents, and other community members. Students at all grade levels also have opportunities to participate in land-based learning. The Land-Based Coordinator at Black River School has partnered with the First Nation's Jordan's Principle Recreation/Land-Based Coordinator in the delivery of land-based learning.

### About the Community

Black River First Nation is located on the eastern shore of Lake Winnipeg. and has been an important ceremonial gathering place for Anishinaabe peoples since time immemorial.

Following the 1875 signing of Treaty 5, a reserve was established at the mouth of the Little Black River. In the 1970s, some people moved further inland due to flooding caused by the Lake Winnipeg Regulation Hydroelectric Project.

Today, the community's economy is based on fishing and trapping. Local amenities include a health centre, a gas bar/convenience store, and a coffee shop.





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