



Three-Month Trial Form

Prairie Sky School educates children holistically through Art, Community, and Nature. Through our integrated Saskatchewan Curriculum, project-based, outdoor-education approach, and our individualized programs, we strive to be an inclusive school. Because of our exceptional programming, we are recognized as one of Canada's most prestigious schools. The majority of students accepted to PSS excel in our programs.

As a Qualified Independent School, the Saskatchewan Ministry of Education does not provide funding for services such as Speech Therapists, Psychologists, Occupational Therapists, Academic and Behavioural Testing, One-on-One and/or EA Support, etc.

All children have the right to an education that meets their needs. It is in this light that all new students accepted to Prairie Sky School join us on a Three-Month Trial. During this time, we will assess our ability to support your child's emotional, social, and academic needs to ensure their success in our program. At the end of the Three Month Trial, your child will be transferred to continuous enrolment and will be considered a PSS student until they move onto high school, or will be de-enrolled from PSS (Please see PSS Withdrawal Policy) for transfer to another school.

Due to the nature of our program and outdoor education, students are required to have, or be willing to develop, the following:

- An adequate, age-appropriate level of physical ability and stamina, a willingness to participate, and an interest in outdoor pursuits;
- Able to receive developmentally appropriate feedback and direction from staff;
- Able to work through a reconciliation peace process when disagreements/incidents happen;
- Able to receive instruction and work independently on projects/tasks with support from teachers and EA (not continuous one-on-one support);
- Willingness to push the boundaries of their comfort zone and try new developmentally appropriate activities and skills;
- Able to gain the age-appropriate skills needed to emotionally self-regulate and be willing to engage in lessons and activities around emotional and mental health (PSS is a holistic school and views social, emotional growth as equally important as academic);
- Able to respect their classmates and PSS staff and help foster an inclusive environment;
- Able to receive and follow instructions when outdoors and in the community. The safety of our students and staff is a top priority, and students must abide by all rules and expectations while learning inside and outside the classroom;



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In order to successfully complete the Three-Month Trial, **students:**

- Are not verbally or physically violent;
- Are able to respectfully stay with the group and follow all safety guidelines when learning outdoors and in the community;
- Are able to participate in all PSS learning activities, including field trips, with minor accommodations;
- Do not breach any of the conditions described in the Expulsion Policy;
- Do not hinder the experience of the rest of the class; and
- Individual needs do not cause a detriment to the rest of the class or the planned educational program.

In order to successfully complete the Three-Month Trial, **guardians:**

- Are not verbally or physically violent;
- Do not breach any of the conditions described in the Expulsion Policy;
- Follow the Ethical Way of Being Policy;
- Behave respectfully toward all staff, students, families, board members, and the wider community;
- Understand and respect that the staff does not work for the guardians and that PSS is not a consumable product (PSS is a community built on the dreams of excellent education);
- Recognize that PSS does not offer alternative programming for students with extreme behavioural, physical, and/or cognitive needs;
- Recognize that PSS Staff approach each student with love, support, and respect and that without one-on-one support, some students may not be able to attend PSS;
- Recognize that how you support your child at home or how they act at home may be different than in a classroom setting where other students' needs and the intention of our Vision and Purpose must be taken into consideration;
- Follow all other PSS Policies, mandates, and guidelines; and
- Financial accounts must be in good standing at all times.

In the event we cannot meet your child's needs, we will inform you during the three-month trial and help create a transition plan to another program (in this event, tuition **may** be pro-rated and refunded if it has not been re-allocated to provide additional supports to your child, ie. extra EA support and/or one-on-one support. New student application fees, school and activity fees, volunteer obligations and/or buy-outs **are always non-refundable**).



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Please note: the Three-Month Trial is an individual student assessment. That is, if you have more than one student at PSS, the outcome of their Three-Month Trial **might not** be the same as their siblings. In this event, the Withdrawal Policy is the default policy for all students on continuous enrollment.

Student's Full Legal Name: _____

I/We understand that our child has been accepted to Prairie Sky School and must successfully complete a Three Month Trial in order to become a continuously enrolled student.

Name of Parent/Guardian (printed): _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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