



# Chief Atahm School

*“A  
Secwepemc-  
Speaking  
community  
living in  
balance with  
nature”*

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# Vision & Principles

Chief Atahm School is grounded on the belief that knowledge of the language, traditional practices and beliefs of the Secwepemc will establish and maintain a healthy and balanced living environment. Individuals will be prepared for today's world and help to protect the Earth for Tellqelmucw, the people to come and for all living beings.

- Everyone has a gift.
- The family, school and community all have a responsibility to foster and develop each child's gift.
- An individual must train to develop their potential. It is an individual's responsibility to maintain the hard work and discipline necessary for growth.



## Kwseltnèws

- Develop knowledge of the natural world.
- Storytelling.
- Learn to contribute to real life issues and to assist in the continuation of Secwepemc traditions.



## Mellèc

- Provide varied experiences of art forms and expressions.
- Family and community gatherings to re-affirm our commitment to Secwepemc values.



## Knucwestsut.s

- Develop life long skills and self-sufficiency in today's world.
- Develop problem solving skills by "learning by doing".



## Slexlèxs

- Allow for students exploration and understanding of their preferred learning styles
- Developing knowledge in many areas will strengthen a child and assist them in achieving individual potential and enhancing their gifts.



## Qweqwetsin

- Model the concept of "giving back"
- Take responsibility for helping to maintain and protect food

# Weytkp

## Welcome to Chief Atahm School



Our school is a unique learning community featuring Secwepemc language immersion and Secwepemc-centered teachings. The school community invites new students to join us in a discovery of our land and language while developing skills and technology to actively engage in today's world. As a parent-controlled school we invite active involvement in building a promising future for our children.

Should you have any questions or if you would like to visit the school and classrooms, please contact the office at (250) 679-8837

# Immersion Programs

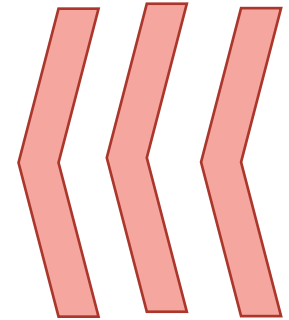
## Language Nest Program

The Language Nest is an early childhood total immersion experience in Secwepemctsin for very young children from 6 months to 4 years old. This year we are excited to have a new building that is adjacent to our Nursery/Kindergarten classroom.

Nurturing home-like setting with natural language instruction

Variety of activities: Storytelling, drumming, singing, crafts & games

Nature Walks  
Nutritious Food  
Naps !!!!



## Nusery/Kindergarten Immersion Program

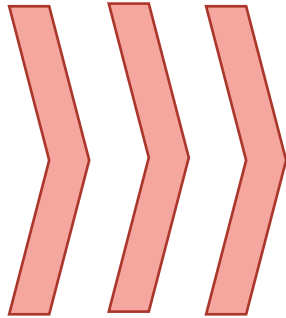
The Nursery/Kindergarten Program provides a setting to totally immerse the learners in Secwepemctsin. Once they have learned and practiced Secwepemctsin, they will be competent learners in our primary program.

Language Immersion

Language Instruction including Total Physical Response (TPR)

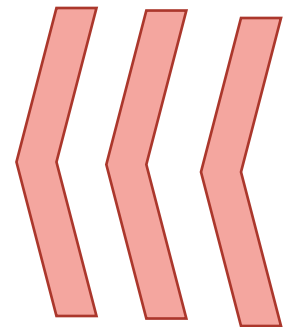
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Health and nutrition program: Dental Hygiene & Nutrition



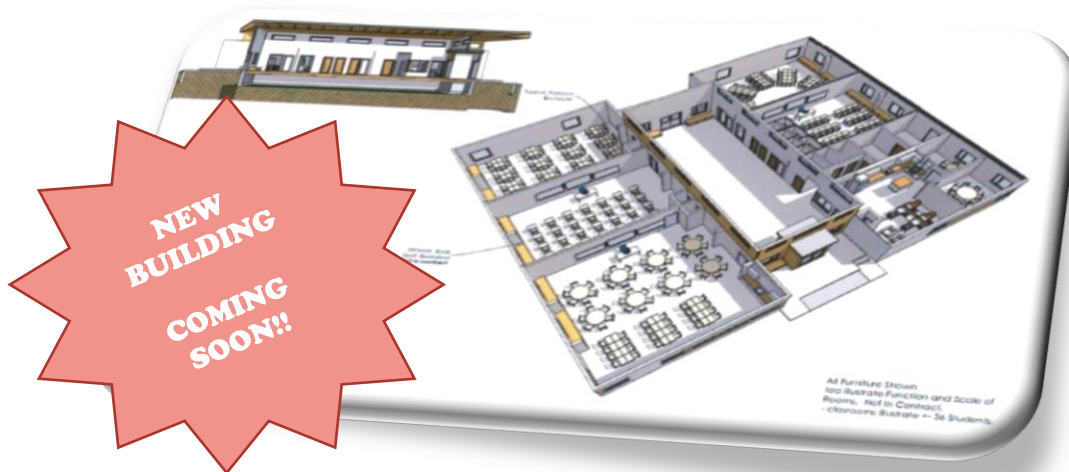
## Primary Immersion Program (Grades 1 to 4)

Secwepemctsin is taught by total immersion in the primary program. During this stage of language immersion children are expected to converse in the Secwepemc. All courses are conducted in the Secwepemc language, including core content courses of Math, Language Arts and Science.





# Middle School/ High School



## *Intermediate Program (Grades 5 to 7)*

The intermediate curriculum and instruction follows the Chief Atahm School Vision Statement.

Program Includes:

- Core academic courses : Math, English, Science, Social Studies
- Secwepemc Culture: Language, History, Stories, Singing, Dancing & Crafts
- Life Skills: Art, Computers, Cooking, Carpentry, Gardening
- Physical Education – individual and team sports

## *High School Program (Grades 8, 9 & 10)*

The High School Program includes the core courses:

- Core academic courses: Math, English, Science, Social Studies
- Physical Education: Both individual and team sports

Program Includes:

- Secwepemc Studies: Language, History & Culture
- Fine Arts
- Digital Technology

\*\*\*There are Two Semesters\*\*\*



## *Secwepemcstin Instruction*

Nursery, Kindergarten and Grades 1 to 4  
– receive all instruction in the Secwepemc Language.

Grades 6 & 7  
–receive up to 4.5 hours a week in Secwepemcstin

Grades 8, 9 & 10  
-receive 1 Secwepemcstin/First Nations Studies course in their curriculum

## *Outdoor Education*

- Cross Country Skiing
- Mountain Biking
- Snowshoeing
- Swimming
- Hiking
- Camping

## *Secwepemc Traditional Practices*

- Fish Smoking
- Cutting/Drying Meat
- Skinning Deer
- Traditional Medicines
- Drying Edible Roots
- Birch Bark Baskets
- Traditional Songs and Dances



## *Earth Stewardship*

Chief Atahm School, in following the operating principles of sustainability will implement a Recycle, Reduce and Reuse program. The School has implemented programs that promote a healthy lifestyle and do not harm the natural world.

## About

### Our Programs

Chief Atahm School offers a high quality education program including a language Nest for infants and babies a preschool to grade 4 Immersion and a grade 5 to 9 middle school and High School program.

Chief Atahm School's parent-operated school where elders, parents, teachers and staff work together to offer the best program possible. Our school's vision, philosophy and principles are grounded in Secwepemc history language and culture. Instruction and school events are conducted in Secwepemctsin values of sustainability

## Why Choose Us?

- ✓ Learn the Language
- ✓ Secwepemc Beliefs and Values
- ✓ Land-based teachings
- ✓ Ecologically- Centered
- ✓ Community- Based
- ✓ Outdoor Education
- ✓ Academic Excellence



## Values

*Students are taught about balance in the natural world as they practice the principles of sustainability in the school and on the land*

Enroll your child today for Secwepemc Immersion with Secwepemc-centered values and land-based teachings. Located on the Adams Lake Reserve near Chase B.C. in Beautiful Secwepemculecw.

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