



*Every Student,
Every Day*

FOR RELEASE
SEP 9, 2025

Yukon schools and community organizations receive \$200,000 for student attendance projects

This is a joint news release between the Government of Yukon and the Every Student, Every Day Society.

Every Student, Every Day Society, in partnership with the Government of Yukon, has awarded \$200,000 to 22 locally designed and led projects across the Yukon through the Every Student, Every Day fund.

Over the next school year, schools and school councils will implement 22 projects designed to help increase student attendance. These projects work directly to remove barriers, increase engagement in student learning, and promote a greater sense of belonging in school communities.

Since its establishment in 2012, the Every Student, Every Day fund has directly supported more than 200 local student attendance projects with over \$1.85 million raised from Yukon businesses and individual donations.

This year, the Every Student, Every Day fund introduced a new funding category to support kitchen improvements in schools. This allows schools and school councils to purchase kitchen equipment and appliances, helping to bridge funding gaps and strengthen collaboration between the Every Student, Every Day Society, the Government of Yukon, and local non-profits to better support student nutrition.

Quotes

Our government understands the value of a collaborative, community-driven approach to addressing complex issues like improving student attendance and engagement in Yukon schools. We're proud to support the Every Student, Every Day funding program, helping to drive innovative projects that create better outcomes for all Yukon students. I'm eager to see how these initiatives will make a difference in the daily learning experiences of every student.

Minister of Education Jeanie McLean

Every Student, Every Day was created to support locally-driven solutions to a complex issue: school attendance. It's powerful to see schools and school councils leading creative, practical

projects that remove barriers and help students feel seen, supported, and engaged. We're incredibly grateful to the Yukon business community—including many friends and colleagues in the mining sector, and especially my team at Banyan, who never stop showing up for this cause. Thanks to their generosity, and our growing partnership with the Yukon Government, we're proud to fund initiatives that make a real difference in students' daily lives.

President of Every Student, Every Day Society and President of Banyan Gold Tara Christie

Quick facts

- A committee of Department of Education staff and Every Student Every Day Society representatives selected the successful projects. The funds will be implemented in the 2025-26 school year.

Related information

- [Every Student, Every Day](#)
- [How you can help Yukon students](#)

Background

Every Student, Every Day – Student attendance projects funded for 2025-26

Del Van Gorder School - Faro

Commercial Dishwasher - \$12,000

- Purchase and install a commercial dishwasher in their kitchen to provide better and more sanitary cleanup, while providing employability training to students who work in the kitchen.

Ecole Whitehorse Elementary School – Whitehorse

Projector and Speakers - \$5,800

- Install a large projector screen and projector with sound for the gymnasium, which will allow the school to provide visuals during presentations, facilitate parent information nights and engage students during assemblies.

F.H. Collins Secondary School – Whitehorse

Makerspace - \$20,000

- This project will renovate a classroom into a makerspace to support students in creative, innovative and design thinking.

Gadzoosdaa Student Residence – Whitehorse

Providing a home-like environment - \$10,000

- This funding will go towards making Gadzoosdaa a more home-like environment for its residents and creating opportunities for community recreation and customized activities to meet students' individual needs and interests.

Golden Horn Elementary School Council – Whitehorse

Mobile Kitchenette - \$2,923

- This funding will support the creation of a mobile kitchenette that can be signed out and utilized as a hands-on learning tool by classes. This mobile kitchenette will offer students valuable experiences in their life skills, cultural knowledge and harvesting practices, enhancing their education through practical engagement.

Golden Horn Elementary School Council – Whitehorse

Sea Can - \$3,000

- Funding will go to acquiring a 20-foot shipping container to serve as a centralized storage solution for a Lending Library, which supports the Great Outdoor and Experiential School (G.O.E.S) program. The container will house pre-prepared bins containing educational resources currently scattered throughout the school, ensuring accessibility and organization for all educators as well as providing shared space for other educational resources to be purchased/donated.

Holy Family Elementary School – Whitehorse

Upgraded Kitchen Facilities - \$15,000

- Holy Family will be expanding their kitchen space and acquiring essential equipment, which will create an inclusive and interactive learning environment where students can develop food literacy skills, build confidence in meal preparation, and explore traditional food practices.

Individual Learning Centre – Whitehorse

Attendance Initiatives - \$12,000

- Hygiene supplies – Supplies for a cabinet outside the school bathrooms that will be able to be fully stocked with razors, deodorant, shampoo, soap, etc. Each of the individual bathrooms have a small "end-table" stocked with other hygiene products. This funding will also be used to buy pregnancy tests, socks, underwear, vitamins, "boost" drinks, first aid items, etc. which are kept in the counsellor's office and can be accessed when required.
- Art Supplies – Various art workshops targeted to students with interest in art to encourage them to attend classes. They will also have opportunities to work on their First Nations grad regalia - encouraging them to complete their schoolwork while supporting them to practice art.
- Employment Ready – Supporting students to get certifications to help with employment (eg. First Aid) and to get their drivers licenses/learners.

J.V. Clark School – Mayo

Hands-on Learning Supplies - \$20,000

- To augment academic classroom environments with hands-on equipment which provides interest to students and motivates them to attend school on a regular basis.

Porter Creek Secondary School – Whitehorse

Attendance Initiatives - \$28,000

- Welcoming and Inviting Space - The intent of this funding is to make classrooms at Porter Creek Secondary School more inclusive and welcoming for all students. When looking to the future student populations who attend Porter Creek Secondary School, there is a need for classrooms to be open and inviting so students are more likely to attend. One way to achieve this is by providing a welcoming and inviting space that students come into everyday.
- Improve outdoor space - Transforming an underused outdoor space with picnic tables and sign-out outdoor games. This space will also support flexible learning, allowing teachers to use it for lessons, group work, and brain breaks making school more engaging and welcoming environment.

- Look Good, Feel Good, Do Good - The funding will go to infrastructure in a classroom to create more space and beauty stations for students to use to make themselves feel better. This initiative would help support a lunch club, the "nail club", where students can access materials and the space during breaks and lunch. With this funding there will be more opportunity to provide students to make themselves feel good through beauty at school.

Porter Creek Secondary School Council – Whitehorse

Kitchen Upgrades - \$6,600

- Upgrading classroom kitchen stations, enhancing the foods programming. The funds will support the purchase of modern appliances such as blenders, food processors, and other essential equipment, along with updated kitchen tools. These upgrades will enable a broader range of hands-on cooking experiences, allowing students to develop practical skills for home, career, and academic success. This will foster engagement, creativity, and a deeper understanding of food preparation, making the programming more appealing and effective.

Programme Confluence – Dawson City

Kicksleds - \$1,900

- Purchase of four kicksleds for students, which will allow all students to participate in outdoor excursions.

Selkirk Elementary School Council – Whitehorse

Transportation to Kids on the Farm - \$6,000

- Every Student, Every Day funds will go towards transportation costs to transport as many students to participate in Kids on the Farm as possible. This will leverage transportation subsidies offered by Kids on the Farm and help to avoid charging students transportation fees to participate, increasing the ability of all students to participate.

St. Elias Community School – Haines Junction

Potato Harvesting Initiative - \$13,300

- The funding will be used to provide students with the tools and resources necessary for a potato harvesting initiative and will be allocated for interdisciplinary learning opportunities, including a photography class/ club and capturing students learning experiences.

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Secondary School – Whitehorse

Fire Fridays - \$13,913

- Fire Fridays is a learner-led initiative to address attendance barriers, increase engagement, and foster a supportive learning environment for neurodiverse and learning-disabled learners. Learners develop essential life skills through hands-on, community-based experiences, build confidence, and connect their learning to real-world applications.

Whistle Bend School Council – Whitehorse

Attendance Initiatives - \$8,638.95

- Soccer Nets – Purchase of four soccer nets for the school field to increase physical activity and bring students together by playing soccer.
- Picnic Tables – Outdoor furniture for the school to promote a positive environment that helps students feel supported, safe and motivated to attend school.

Wood Street Centre – Whitehorse

Bicycle Maintenance and Repair - \$20,000

- The funding will go toward tools to repair bicycles, and a covered trailer to store tools, parts and bicycles. The trailer will allow Wood Street Centre students to travel to communities outside Whitehorse and help teach maintenance and repair of bicycles throughout the Yukon.

Media contact

Laura Seeley
Cabinet Communications
867-332-7627
Laura.Seeley@yukon.ca

Dana Clark
Communications, Department of Education
867-332-3743
Dana.Clark@yukon.ca