Intergenerational Learning

iGen is designed to provide close and continuing contact between Elders in long-term care and school-aged children over the period of one school year. The conversations and activities that Elders and children engage in will enhance the learning that happens through relationships in the home of the Elders.

Who might be interested?

- Students who are open to an experience based on forming relationships with Elders (Elder is a term used to describe the residents of Sherbrooke; an Elder is someone who, by virtue of life experience, is here to teach us how to live)

- Students who are interested in becoming part of a community that offers diverse places, spaces and interactions for learning

- Students who have an interest in community and global projects and are inspired by service work opportunities

iGen

An intergenerational classroom experience for Grade 6 students of Saskatoon Public Schools

LOCATED AT
SHERBROOKE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Life is better in a garden; it should be lived in a thriving, growing and ever-changing environment.

iGen accepts student applications each March for the coming school year.

Please see saskatoonpublicschools.ca/iGen for more information and to download the required documents.

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Sherbrooke

Saskatoon Public Schools
Inspiring Learning

What is iGen?

- A Saskatoon Public Schools' Grade 6 classroom located in Sherbrooke Community Centre

- Approximately 20 students are selected to attend the year-long iGen program through an application process

- The iGen classroom is affiliated with École College Park School

- iGen occupies a classroom space in Sherbrooke Community Centre as well as having classroom space at École College Park

- Grade 5 students from all Saskatoon Public Schools are invited to apply

- One teacher delivers/administers the program in partnership with Sherbrooke staff and residents

- Transportation to/from school is provided by the families of the students who attend

Why join iGen?

Grade 6 students in iGen learn through doing activities with one another and the Elders at Sherbrooke. There is a mutual sharing of values and the two generations serve and support one another.

Sherbrooke Community Centre is a human habitat. There is an art studio, greenhouse, outdoor environmental learning centre, gift shop, cafeteria, chapel, butterfly garden, childcare center, and many other areas where volunteer and learning activities take place.

There are numerous opportunities for our young people to interact with engaged adults on a one-to-one basis.

iGen students spend their days at Sherbrooke Community Centre but still have access to services at the affiliate school.

The Grade 6 curriculum required by the Saskatchewan Ministry of Education is taught in an integrated way through inquiry projects.

Students engage in authentic "Literacy for Life" practices as they form relationships with peers, themselves and adults. Some examples include: expressive daily journaling, receptive listening and viewing, seeking answers to questions, shared use of technology, and meaningful practice of language and literacy skills with Elders.

Students are motivated through authentic assessment and regular feedback from a variety of adults.
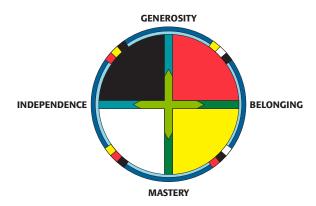
Students learn through place-based education; the whole Sherbrooke facility and the broader community is their classroom.

Grade 6 students have the opportunity to learn with a variety of mentors through programming at Sherbrooke. They may be found working with an artist in the art studio, studying writing with a Masters student, conversing with Pharmacy and Social Work students who are also learning communication skills, assisting in the gift shop, or preparing a garden plot with an Elder.

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"Alone we can do so little. Together we can do so much."
-Helen Keller

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