

= School District 53 Okanagan Similkameen =

School District 53 Okanagan Similkameen is a school district that serves fragments of the southern Okanagan and lower Similkameen regions , which include Cawston , Hedley , Keremeos , Okanagan Falls , Oliver , and Osoyoos , totaling to six communities in the district , all of which are in British Columbia , Canada . Its main " maintenance department " office is held in Oliver , consisting of ten schools , five of which are elementary , three are high or secondary schools , while two are alternative schools . This district 's superintendent is Beverly Young , while 2 @, @ 665 students attend schools in it ; there are 480 employees for the Okanagan Similkammen school district . Their motto is " Learning Today for Living Tomorrow " , and all places within the district are towns or villages .

In addition to the conventional school programs , School District 53 offers three adult learning outlets , an outreach school , three early learning centres , as well as one elementary hockey academy ; the district supports Aboriginal people . It provides a school bus transportation service , in order for children to get to their school and home , being responsible to the Director of Facilities . This bus service has been considered for expansion . School District 53 maintains a policy on emergency , which was amended on April 30 , 2008 . There is also a " smoke @-@ free " policy that was amended on September 26 , 2007 .

= = Facilities = =

School District 53 Okanagan Similkameen consists of ten schools , five of which are elementary , three are high or secondary schools , while two are alternative schools , within a total of six communities in British Columbia , Canada , in fragments of the southern Okanagan and lower Similkameen regions . The schools of the latter region include Cawston Primary School ? held in the town of Cawston ? whose principal is Linda Thiel , who also served as a principal for the Hedley Elementary School ? held in the Hedley town ? before its closure in January 2008 , after the Okanagan Similkammeen district voted four to two to close the school .

Both schools held students from grades from Kindergarten to Grade 4 . The village of Keremeos is home to Similkameen Elementary Secondary School , which holds students from Grades 5 to 12 , with the principal being Marcus Toneatto . In addition to the schools of the lower Similkameen , the southern Okanagan holds seven of the ten schools part of the district , as well as its main " maintenance department " office , which is held in the town of Oliver . All schools in the district which are part of the Okanagan region maintain the same format : elementary schools have children from Kindergarten to Grade 8 , while secondary schools consist of pupils from Grade 8 to 12 . This includes Okanagan Falls Elementary School , which is held in the Okanagan Falls town , with Lisa McCall serving as the school 's principal .

The Osoyoos town is home to Osoyoos Elementary School ? whose principal is David Foster ? and Osoyoos Secondary School , which is principled by G. Heinrichs . Since 2001 , British Columbia has invested over 4 @. @ 8 Canadian million dollars on replacing Osoyoos Elementary School , as well as Okanagan Falls Elementary School . It offers the Okanagan Similkameen Learning Centre , which consists of students from Grades 8 to 12 ; the principal of the learning centre is B. Hansen . Its neighboring town , Oliver , is home to , as of September 2011 , Oliver Elementary School and Tuc @-@ el @-@ Nuit Elementary School ? the former 's principal is Mike Safek , while the latter 's is D. Foster .

The community also had a secondary school , named Southern Okanagan Secondary School , until it was burnt by a fire in September 2011 , during the school 's multi @-@ million dollar renovation project . The Royal Canadian Mounted Police 's ( RCMP ) investigation found no conclusion . The Government of British Columbia are contributing to the school 's rebuilding ; its construction began in spring 2012 , being slated for completion in 2013 .

In addition to the conventional school programs , School District 53 offers three adult learning outlets , an outreach school , three early learning centres , as well as one elementary hockey academy . It also works with a number of Aboriginal people , having signed an enhancement

agreement to improve academic achievement of them . 2 @, @ 665 students attend schools in this district , whose superintendent is Beverley Young .

= = Demographics = =

1 @, @ 303 of those 2 @, @ 665 students within the district attend elementary schools , while 1 @, @ 202 attend secondary schools ; 102 are adult education students . School District 53 contains 480 employees , and its motto is " Learning Today for Living Tomorrow " . While its board chair is Marieze Tarr , its secretary treasurer is Lynda Minnabarriet and its MLA is John Slater . The district has five trustees . It provides a school bus transportation service , in order to get children to their school and home , being responsible to the Director of Facilities . The bus service has been considered for expansion .

The British Columbia province gives funds to the school district , so that it can maintain their schools correctly . The amount given is based on the number of kids that are enrolled for the year . Further money is often left over by the end of the year . StrongStart BC , an " early learning initiatives " program , operates at three schools within the district , Okanagan Falls Elementary School , Oliver Elementary School , Cawston Primary School , and Osoyoos Elementary School . The district 's boundaries include three First Nations Bands : the Osoyoos Indian Band and the upper and lower Similkameen Bands , all of which are Indian governments .

An emergency ? a " sudden " , " unexpected " occurrence that requires action for a situation ? at schools within the district 53 scope can result in school or bus transportation facilities . This district 's policy on emergency was amended on April 30 , 2008 , which includes fire , threats or facilities , violence , school bus accident , severe weather , earthquake , hazardous spills , accidents , explosions , or floods . The policy was amended because the district recognizes the importance of emergencies , specifically during school 's session , that could be both natural and human , hence why it necessitates to develop plans for emergencies . It also maintains a " smoke @-@ free " policy , meaning that it is prohibited to smoke in a district 53 area . This rule was amended on September 26 , 2007 .