

## Knowledge and Employability High School Programming

Knowledge and Employability (K&E) courses facilitate the progression of students evolving into engaged thinkers and ethical citizens with entrepreneurial spirits. It does so by providing students differentiated learning opportunities, smaller class sizes and additional supports in a personalized educational setting.

Alberta Education has specific enrollment criteria and possible learning indicators to assist in determining the appropriateness of Knowledge and Employability courses for individual students. Knowledge and Employability courses are available to students in grades 10 through 12 who meet our schools' jurisdiction enrollment criteria. Like all learners, students who are enrolled in Knowledge and Employability courses possess strengths and areas of challenge. These courses provide students with opportunities to experience success by focusing on their strengths and using them to address their areas of need. This ensures the students' progression throughout high school assisting them in becoming well-prepared for employment, further post-secondary studies, engaged citizenship, and life-long learning.

In Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools, Knowledge and Employability programming is housed at École Secondaire Notre Dame High School. The Knowledge and Employability Program at École Secondaire Notre Dame High School offers a wrap around, community based, relationship oriented program from grades 10-12. It is not a locked program, meaning that students do not have to be in all four cores. They are placed in classes based upon their areas of strength. The goal is to have the students achieve their potential, whether this is a Certificate of Achievement or a Diploma. Each individual has a different path based on needs, strengths and goals.

St. Joseph High School offers -4 programming to accommodate student learning needs, but does not have the capacity to offer students a Certificate of Achievement. St. Joseph High School aims to support students who will be moving from -4 programming to High School Diploma course requirements resulting in a High School Diploma.

### Program/Course Overview

St. Joseph High School			École Secondaire Notre Dame High School		
Science, Math, English and Social Studies classes (K&E / -4) designed to support transitioning to High School Diploma Course requirements.	➔	High School Diploma	Full wrap around services in both K&E and High School Diploma course requirements to support students in achieving their personal potential.	➔	Certificate of Achievement
					High School Diploma

Students are recommended for the K&E Program by their middle school. School counsellors, administrators and classroom teachers make their recommendations. Names of possible candidates are submitted to Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools. Parents may also initiate admission procedures by approaching the student's present school or by contacting École Secondaire Notre Dame High School directly. Information sessions for students are held to assist with their decisions regarding K&E courses.

