



## News Release

### **Saskatoon Public Schools launches new Hockey Academy in partnership with Trach Power Skating & Skills**

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[Saskatoon Public Schools](#) is launching a new Hockey Academy for the 2026-27 school year in partnership with [Trach Power Skating & Skills](#), providing Grade 6-8 (male and female) students with the opportunity to combine high-quality on-ice and leadership/life skills development with their regular academic programming.

The academy will be offered at five SPS schools: Chief Whitecap, Estey, Lakeridge, École River Heights, and Willowgrove. The program is just for students in grades 6-8 at all schools; however, Estey School provides an academy model for students who wish to continue in grades 9-12.

These schools were selected because each has the capacity to support the academy model *and* is located within one of Saskatoon's minor hockey zones: the Aces (Estey), Renegades (École River Heights), Wild and Redwings (Willowgrove), Flyers (Lakeridge), and Bobcats (Chief Whitecap).

The Hockey Academy is open to students of varying skill levels and will operate two mornings per week — Mondays and Wednesdays. Participants will follow the basic structure of a regular school day but with their academy mornings divided between the classroom and academy training. Students will be transported by bus between the school and arena after arriving at school and return before the start of lunch break. A Saskatoon Public Schools teacher will be onsite at Jemini Arena to provide dedicated academic instruction, support, and supervision.

#### **Open House & Registration**

An open house for Hockey Academy will be held Sunday, February 1, 2026 at Estey School between 7:30 and 8:30 p.m. This open house will provide information about the academy generally and is open to families that attend/plan to attend any of the five academy schools.

Hockey Academy registration will open Wednesday, February 4, 2026 for a September 2026 start:

❖ [SPS Hockey Academy Registration](#)

Students currently enrolled at one of the five participating schools may simply register for the academy using the link above. Students from outside these schools will also need to transfer to one of the participating schools in order to attend: [Saskatoon Public Schools Registration](#). Families can contact any of the participating schools with questions about school programming or to arrange a school tour. Students will not be considered registered in the Hockey Academy until they have registered with one of the participating schools.

Registration, fees, and on-ice programming will be managed by Trach Power Skating & Skills, and families with questions about the hockey component of the academy are encouraged to contact Trach directly at [academies@trachpowerskating.com](mailto:academies@trachpowerskating.com). Enrollment in the participating schools will be coordinated by Saskatoon Public Schools; families can contact the appropriate school for registration information.

“This Hockey Academy reflects our commitment to offering engaging, high-quality learning opportunities that support both student well-being and achievement,” says Chair of the Saskatoon Public Schools’ Board of Education, Kim Stranden. “By partnering with Trach Power Skating & Skills, we’re able to provide students with structured, professional on-ice development while ensuring they continue to meet all curriculum outcomes in a supportive school environment.”

“We’re excited to partner with Saskatoon Public Schools to launch this academy and help young athletes develop strong skating foundations in a setting that values both education and skill development,” says Trach Power Skating & Skills owner, Jordan Trach. “This program is designed for players of varying abilities and focuses on building confidence, technique, and a lifelong love of the game.”

*Saskatoon Public Schools is the largest school division in Saskatchewan, serving nearly 29,000 students in 48 elementary schools and 10 secondary schools. Trach Power Skating & Skills is an ice development program that focuses on improving players’ skating technique, on-ice skills, and overall performance.*

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