



SCHOOL ACCESS FOR MOBILITY CHALLENGES

Each of our schools provides full access to individuals with mobility challenges. Below is a description of access both internally and externally for each of our sites. Any individual with questions or concerns are asked to contact us at 766-7400.

ÉCOLE ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL

The primary access for individuals with mobility issues is the main front entrance, which includes a ramp for easy access. There is also a ramp available from the back of the school, but in order to access this you must go through the playground area, which is not always easy, particularly for a wheelchair.

Once you have entered the front doors you will come to a lift at the bottom of the stairs. This lift can be only be operated using a key that is available in the front office. An intercom system is set up so that you may call the front office to have someone come and assist you. Once you are on the main level you will find signs leading you to an elevator if you wish to access the second floor.

WELEDEH CATHOLIC SCHOOL

The primary access for Weledeh can be found facing the playground. The door has a button to push to automatically open the door. Weledeh also has an elevator available to take you to the second floor. Visitors are asked to stop by the office for the key.

ÉCOLE ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

École St. Patrick High School can be accessed from two locations. You can either enter through the Weledeh door and turn right at the first set of doors, or you may continue through the playground area and access the high school directly through the community gym doors. As you enter St. Patrick's you will find a ramp that takes you to the rock area. If you continue through the rock area and turn left you will make your way to the elevator that provides access to the basement area and the second floor.

BUILDING ACCESSIBILITY

Yellowknife Catholic Schools believes that all people should have equal access to their facilities, including those with mobility issues. For this reason all schools have been designed with lifts and ramps to allow for access to all sections of the building.

The following guidelines will be adhered to in order to ensure individuals with mobility issues are welcomed to our schools:

1. During the September staff meetings, training for all staff will take place on how to use the lifts at École St. Joseph School and mobility access routes for all schools.
2. Internal signage will be provided regarding the use of lifts and the location of elevators.
3. During evening events at École St. Joseph or Weledeh School a staff member or trained student will be available in the office to assist any members of the public who may need to make use of the lift or elevator. The elevator at École St. Patrick is available at all times.
4. Community groups wishing to use École St. Joseph School facilities, outside of the gyms, must be provided training on how to use the lift and the key for the evening. The user group must also ensure that an individual is at the front door to greet any individual who may have mobility issues.