

**CHIPPEWAS OF THE THAMES FIRST NATION BOARD OF EDUCATION
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
OJIBWAY LANGUAGE TEACHER/INSTRUCTOR – ANTLER RIVER ELEMENTARY**

The Chippewas of the Thames First Nation Board of Education are accepting resumes for one Ojibway Language Teacher/Instructor position, until **FILLED**.

BACKGROUND

We are the Anishinaabeg of the territory of Deshkan Ziibiing, also known as Chippewas of the Thames First Nation. We call ourselves Anishinabek which means the original people. We are known as the Ojibway, who are a Nation of the Algonquin language family who originally migrated to the Great Lakes area from the north-eastern region of North America. Our political alliances are with the Odawa (Ottawa) and Bodaywadami (Pottawatomi) who together form the Three Fires Confederacy.

Chippewas is a forward thinking nation with a strong grasp of our traditional values. Through culture, heritage and continued education we are working towards a better future and towards being a self-governing First Nation. As a result, in alignment with our Comprehensive Community Plan (2012), we are initiating an Ojibwe Immersion program in September, 2018 in our Primary classes. Our staff is a mix of native and non-native members who are beginning to work on starting or upgrading our language skills.

We have a modern air-conditioned school with a full-sized double-gym and outdoor track, as well as a full cafeteria and a new Library. Class sizes are small and well stocked with current resources, a Smart Board and ample access to current technology. Special Education support is excellent.

SUMMARY OF POSITION

We wish to have an Ojibway Language Teacher/Instructor to teach Ojibway throughout the school, in collaboration with our teachers. This is an innovative position where collaboration with staff is required to build existing best practices, in the acquisition of Ojibway Language.

QUALIFICATIONS

- An Ontario Teacher's Certificate would be an asset, but not required.
- Will have at least one year experience teaching the Ojibway language in a structured program.
- Must demonstrate experience in an elementary school setting.
- Must have general knowledge of the educational system, learning techniques, socialization processes, attitudes, values, aspirations and expectations of Chippewas of the Thames First Nation.
- Must have the ability to work as part of a team to establish and maintain effective communication with teaching staff and students.
- Must demonstrate the ability to speak and write in Ojibway.
- Classroom experience is essential.

DUTIES

Under the general supervision of the Principal, the Ojibway Language Teacher will perform the duties as per job description, some listed below:

1. Develop a yearly plan for activities and skills to be taught for each of the appropriate grade levels in Native Language;
2. Work with the Board and appointed elders in the development of language curriculum;
3. Provide language instruction and work in collaboration with all of the Teachers;
4. Co-ordinate with the Teachers, the integration of the curriculum for use in Ojibway;
5. Develop all materials as required for classroom use;
6. Report to the Principal with completed outlines and requests for community volunteers;
7. Integrate the Ojibway language throughout the school;
8. Develop lesson plans and classroom exercises;
9. Utilizes a variety of instructional techniques appropriate to the students;
10. Provides instruction at levels appropriate to the students;

INTEREST APPLICANTS:

Must submit your resume, photocopy of educational qualifications, covering letter, two work-related reference letters, one personal reference letter, and any other supporting documentation in a sealed envelope addressed "Ojibway Language Teacher/Instructor" to the attention of:

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Only the successful Applicants granted an interview will be contacted.