

A place to *fit in*

CASE FOR SUPPORT

ROADWAYS

Literacy Academy



You probably know one of these kids.



Every night.

Hours at the kitchen table trying to get through reading and a backlog of homework.

Lots of effort.

Frustration.

Sometimes tears.

Yet still falling further behind.

And finding it hard to fit in.

Helping kids find their *fit*



ROADWAYS

Roadways was born out of a simple idea: every child is different and a “one size fits all” approach to learning in a classroom setting just doesn't work. Intensive, individualized programs are proven to be the most effective way to improve results with struggling learners in a short period of time.

FROM LITERACY TO LEARNING MORE

What started as a program devoted to meeting the needs of problem readers has evolved into a full fledged school.

We offer a variety of flexible individualized programs to support the unique learning styles of our students. Many students attend 3-5 days per week for intense literacy instruction. Others attend for math instruction as well as literacy. And still others choose our full-time option that includes a full Saskatchewan curriculum.

EASING THE LOAD

Roadways is helping ease the pressures in Saskatoon classrooms by providing an alternate path for students with learning challenges. We have strong relationships with both the public and Catholic school systems who refer students to us and view us as a collaborative partner in education.

From idea to independent school



SHEILA ERICKSON
Founder and Director

"In 2014, I retired from my position in Saskatoon Public School Division. At that time, I was asked by a family to tutor their young son who was entering grade 3 as a non-reader. And that was the beginning of our school. By 2019, my basement retirement project had grown to include 20 students and 7 teachers."



QUALIFIED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL

In September 2023, Roadways Literacy Academy earned the status of a Qualified Independent School that offers:

- A full Saskatchewan curriculum
- Individualized programs
- Low student-teacher ratios
- Flexible enrolment
- Unique Entrepreneurship Program



CURRENT STAFF

- 9 Degree teachers
- 4 Trained EAs
- 14 Trained Tutors
- 1 Director/Principal
- 1 Bookkeeper
- 1.5 Admin Assistants
- 2 Janitors

The little school that could



ON THE MOVE

Since its founding, Roadways has moved several times to ever-larger locations to meet demand and provide an appropriate environment for every student to learn and grow.

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In all cases, these locations have been former office and storage buildings in industrial settings where Roadways has had to carve out makeshift classrooms and break-out spaces.

COMING OF AGE

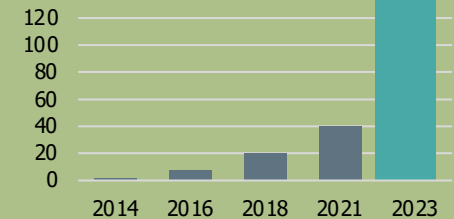
As a Qualified Independent School with growing demand, we have outgrown our space once again and have reached a point where we need to establish a purpose-built home for our students and programs.

REACHING CAPACITY

Our enrolment and teaching team now supports 35 full-time students, 5 part-time students, and 70+ tutoring students.



**4 locations
since 2014**



**full time, part time and
tutoring enrolment**



**dozens on waiting list
(and growing)**

Turning heads across Canada

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**THE
GLOBE
AND
MAIL** 

Students with learning disabilities have exciting options at specialized private schools across Canada

KIRA VERMOND
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Knowing he and his wife weren't equipped to tutor Eifa, they spoke to other parents and found out about a new private school in Saskatoon: Roadways Literacy Academy. The small school is specifically designed to help students struggling with learning disabilities ranging from dyslexia to dysgraphia and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD). After a few months of tutoring at Roadways, the family decided to go all in and enroll Eifa full-time.

The results? Life-changing.

After two years at Roadways, Eifa is now ready to be back in the public school system. For the first time in years, they're not only feeling comfortable with the work, but actually excited to go to a large high school this year. Confidence is back, mood is better and they're interacting with other kids. On the first day of school, Eifa left the house early.

“Roadways doesn’t just save kids, it saves families.”

“He has grown so much, both in his confidence and his academic accomplishments. Our son is in grade 4 and for the first time he can read a book to me. I cannot thank Sheila and Roadways enough for what they are doing for him.

This school has been an absolute Godsend.”

Crystal Buckoski

“You cannot put a price on the relief parents feel when they finally find a safe place for their children to learn and express themselves. The key word in that last sentence is LEARN. Our beautiful son actually learns in the Roadways environment. He can read and write and actually wants to go to school. **This is awe-inspiring for us.**”

Nicole Kozar

“The academic, social, and personal growth experienced has been amazing. It is like we have a new person in the home. She comes home engaged, excited and proactively discusses what she has learned at school each day. There is no effort required to get her out the door each morning and her confidence continues to grow.

Family dynamics have improved greatly.”

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With your help, we can create a permanent home for Roadways and a space for every student to fit in.

