SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 73
(Kamloops - Thompson)

Heavy Metal Rocks

Application Package

April 7 – 10, 2027

Application due to school TNT Coordinator: December 9, 2026

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Spring 2027

The **Heavy Metal Rocks** program will provide opportunities for students to explore the wide variety of rewarding career choices as heavy equipment operators in the forestry and construction industry. Students will learn the importance of safety training and will receive mentoring from equipment operators as they learn to operate several different types of heavy equipment.

Who is it for?

School District No. 73 (Kamloops-Thompson) students currently in grades 11 and 12:

- With good attendance
- Who are physically active
- With an interest in the construction and forestry industry

* Space for the event is limited

Program Details:

In addition to operating heavy equipment, students will receive training in the following areas:

- WorkSafe – New Worker / Young Worker
- Orientation training on various pieces of heavy equipment
- Construction Safety - Certificate
- Emergency First Aid - Certificate
- WHMIS Training – Basic - Certificate
- Leavitt Machinery – Aerial Platform and Forklift Certificate (optional)

Cost:

- **$175.00** per student *(Fees are non-refundable upon acceptance into the Program)*
- Cheques must be payable to **School District No. 73.**

Successful applicants will be expected to:

1. Supply their own steel-toed footwear.
2. Dress appropriately for job site / weather.
3. Attend all orientation and training sessions. The parent orientation meeting is mandatory for parents, as well as students.

   *Hard hats, safety vests, eye protection and ear plugs will be supplied for each student.

Prerequisites:

Before students are permitted to operate the heavy equipment, the following are **mandatory**:

1. Complete the application package and submit it to the school TNT Coordinator by December 9, 2026.
2. Attend an interview.
3. Attend all orientation meetings, including the parent meeting.
4. Successfully complete the Construction Safety course.
5. Successfully complete the Emergency First Aid course provided by SD73 – OR – already possess an Emergency First Aid Certificate *(copy must be provided to SD73)*.
6. Successfully complete the online WHMIS course provided by SD73 by the deadline shown – OR – already possess a WHMIS Certificate *(copy must be provided to SD73)*.
7. Successfully complete the Safety Training provided on Day 1 of the program.

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STUDENT APPLICATION FORM

(please print neatly in blue or black ink)

Legal Name: _____
Legal First Name *Middle* *Legal Last Name*

Preferred Name(s): _____

Mailing Address: _____ City/Town: _____

Postal Code: _____ Birthdate *(yyyy-mm-dd)*: _____

Do you have a Social Insurance No.(SIN) ? ☐ Yes ☐ No ***Students receiving an HMR award will be asked to provide their SIN beforehand.**

Student Personal Email: _____ Student Cell: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Parent/Guardian Home Phone: _____

Parent/Guardian Email: _____ Work/Cell Phone: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Relationship to Student: _____

Emergency Contact Home Phone: _____ Work/Cell Phone: _____

List any current medical conditions and/or allergies *: _____

***Due to volume of participants and/or location of the event, students with dietary restrictions are asked to provide their own food to ensure their safety.**

School currently enrolled in: _____ Current Grade: _____

Have you been accepted to or participated in a Sampler program?
☐ Yes ☐ No Date participated _____ ☐ Construction ☐ Mechanical
(include future date, if applicable)

Have you been accepted to or participated in a YTIT program?
☐ Yes ☐ No Date participated _____
(include future date, if applicable)

Do you self-identify as an Indigenous person? ☐ Yes ☐ No Gender Identity: _____

Have you had any previous experience on Heavy Duty Equipment? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Have you applied previously for the Heavy Metal Rocks program? ☐ Yes ☐ No

What is your shirt size? ☐ X-Small ☐ Small ☐ Medium ☐ Large ☐ X-Large ☐ XX-Large

I/We certify the information given in this application is true and complete to the best of my/our knowledge and understand that, if selected for **Heavy Metal Rocks**, falsified statements may be reason for removal. I authorize investigation of all statements contained herein and the references listed in this application.

Student Signature: _____ *Date*: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ *Date*: _____

**Applications will not be accepted without all signatures in place.*

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Application Checklist

For assistance or more information, please contact your TNT Coordinator or Counsellor.

Deliver completed application package and payment no later than **December 9, 2026,** to your TNT Coordinator.

	All items below are required:	Page(s)	Completed & Attached
1	Student Application Form	1	❒
2	Application Checklist – this page	2	❒
3	Heavy Metal Rocks **event fee of $175** to be included with this application	3	❒
4	Teacher Statement of Recommendation	4	❒
5	TNT Coordinator Statement of Recommendation	5	❒
6	School District No. 73 High Risk Field Trip Form	6	❒
7	Media Release Form	7	❒
8	Dates to Remember	8	Student to keep
	Attachments for Student to Include:		
9	Cover Letter: one-page cover letter stating why you are interested in this program and how it will help you with future plans		❒
10	Resume		❒
	Attachments for TNT Coordinator to Include:		
11	Transcript		❒
12	TNT Attendance Profile		❒
13	Conduct Report (last two years)		❒

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Event Fee

PAYMENT must be submitted **with** application.

I am paying the **$175 event fee** for _____ using the following method:
Student Name

❒ **Visa/Mastercard** *(Make credit card payment online with QR code)*	❒ **Cash** *(Attach exact change to this form and deliver in person to school TNT Coordinator. Return change may not be available.)*
❒ **Debit Card** *(In person at the School Board Office)*	❒ **Cheque** *(Make payable to SD73 and attach to this form)*
❒ **Invoice an organization** (ex. Band, MCFD, etc.) *(Contact Angela Pinette, Administrative Assistant, SD73 Career Development Department, at 778-471-6061, ext 211, to make arrangements)*	

_____ _____
Parent/Guardian's Signature Date

Refunds will be provided if student is not accepted.

For School District Use Only	Date:	Amt Rec'd:	Method:	Initials:

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TEACHER STATEMENT OF RECOMMENDATION

Thank you for completing the Teacher Statement of Recommendation regarding the student named below. The information in this reference will be used to determine candidates for School District No. 73 **Heavy Metal Rocks** program. A quality response to the general comments section is also important.

Student Name: _____

Teacher: _____ Class: _____

School: _____ Teacher Phone: _____

	Excellent	*Very Good*	*Good*	*Fair*	*Poor*
1. **Attendance / Punctuality** *Comments*:					
2. **Work Ethic** *Comments:*					
3. **Attitude** *Comments:*					
4. **Mechanical Ability in Field** *Comments:*					
5. **Initiative / Motivation** *Comments:*					
6. **Interpersonal Skills / Citizenship** *Comments:*					
7. **General Comments**:					

Teacher Signature: _____ *Date*: _____

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TNT Coordinator Statement of Recommendation

Student Name	
School	

Please confirm and check the following statements:

- ❑ I have read over and attest to the completion of this application.
- ❑ I have read the conduct report (last two (2) years) and reviewed it with the principal if there are any issues.
- ❑ I recommend this student for the Heavy Metal Rocks event.

Student Support: (student may require additional support from their school and/or district staff)

Please check:

- ❑ transportation
- ❑ emotional/social
- ❑ monetary (i.e. application fee)
- ❑ other _____

Does this student have an IEP?

❑ No ❑ Yes: category _____

TNT Coordinator Name	
TNT Coordinator Signature	
Date	

School District No. 73 (Kamloops-Thompson)
HIGHER RISK SECONDARY FIELD TRIP
INFORMATION & CONSENT FORM

Principal's approval: K Gairdner
Please return before: **December 9, 2026**

Activity: SD73 (Kamloops-Thompson) Heavy Metal Rocks
Teacher's Name: Kerry Gairdner
Location: Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc Gravel Pit
Date(s): April 7-10, 2027
Time (s): Departure from school: N/A
Arrival back at school: N/A
Overview Itinerary for the Field Trip Program: Four (4) Day On-Site Heavy Metal Rocks Event. Students will be transported by bus from Sa-Hali Secondary -OR- NorKam Secondary to Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc Gravel Pit.

Transportation: ☐ Walking to and from the activity ☒ Transported by school bus **from NorKam -OR- Sa-Hali Secondary Schools**
☐ Driven in private vehicle ☐ Drivers required

(Volunteer drivers must be at least 21 yrs old & have at least $1,000,000.00 liability insurance. There must be a seatbelt for each child & no air bag on front passenger side unless the passenger is 12 yrs of age or older. Drivers must have completed a SD#73 volunteer driver form.)

Parent Helpers Required: ☐ Yes ☒ No **Lunch Required:** ☐ Yes ☒ No

Fee To Be Paid: ☒ Yes ☐ No **Amount required:** **$175.00** *(payable to SD73)*

PERMISSION SLIP

The following statement must be signed by the parent/guardian for students participating in Higher Risk Field Trips:
I am aware and understand that participation in the Higher Risk Field Trip involves certain inherent risks, dangers and hazards which may result in serious personal injury or death or other loss or damage to property. I am aware that downhill skiing, Nordic track skiing, snowboarding and snow-blading, ice skating, road cycling, mountain biking, adventure hiking, canoeing, kayaking, swimming in natural settings, wilderness orienteering and residential camping are dangerous activities and that in addition to the usual risks inherent in these activities, certain additional dangers and risks including, but not limited to, varying snow, ice and visibility conditions and the danger and risk of collision with natural and man-made objects. For International travel, I have been informed that the Higher Risk Field Trip may become a dangerous activity due to global unrest. Further I agree that there may be other risks not known to me or not reasonably foreseeable at this time. I release and agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Board of School Trustees of School District No. 73 (Kamloops-Thompson) "the Board", its employees and agents ("the Releasees"). From any loss, claim, or demand for any and all negligence arising as a result of the Student's involvement or participation in the Higher Risk Field Trip except where such negligence is caused by the Releasees. I understand and accept that the Board and its employees and agents may at any time cancel the Higher Risk Field Trip for appropriate reasons including travel advisories indicating international air travel is unsafe or the destination is unsafe. Accordingly, I agree to waive any and all claims against the Board, its employees and agents for any monetary loss arising from the cancellation of the Higher Risk Field Trip. I understand that during the Higher Risk Field Trip the Student may incur additional unforeseen financial expenses required for reasons of safety and I agree to waive and reimburse for any and all claims against the Board, its employees and agents for any such expenses that are reasonably required. Both my child and I understand that Board Policy #240 "Student Behaviour – Discipline" applies on all field trips. The use of alcohol or drugs and or inappropriate student conduct may result in suspension from school. Students engaging in these behaviours are liable to be sent home at their families' expense.

I have read and am informed about the proposed field trip for the **SD73 (Kamloops-Thompson) Heavy Metal Rocks Event which will be held at Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc Gravel Pit from April 7-10, 2027**. I request that my child _____ participate in this trip. I understand there is a cost involved and have enclosed $ 175.00 with this form. I, the undersigned parent or guardian of the above named student, request that my child be allowed to participate in the trip.

Note any medical conditions or medication the staff or supervisors should be aware of: _____

_____

***Due to volume of participants and/or location of the event, students with dietary restrictions are asked to provide their own food to ensure their safety.**

Please supply the school with: Family Physician, Care Card Number and Emergency Numbers if they are not already on file.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Office Use Only: Fee for Field Trip Received: ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** **Amount:** _____ **Initials:** _____

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MEDIA RELEASE FORM

I, _____, Parent/Guardian of _____,

hereby give my permission and consent to have my child's photo taken for program publicity and media relations during the Heavy Metal Rocks event.

Media coverage of this event could include my child's photo, name, and their comments. This information could show up on Industry advertising or on School District No. 73's website or any of the school's websites.

DATED this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Student Name (print): _____

Student Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (print): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

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CONSENT TO RELEASE STUDENT INFO FORM

I, _____, Parent/Guardian of _____,

hereby give my permission and consent to share my child's personal email, phone number and resume, with Excel Personnel for career exploration, employment, or related professional purposes.

I understand that this information will be shared solely for professional and employment-related opportunities and will be handled by Excel Personnel in accordance with applicable privacy and confidentiality standards.

DATED this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Student Name (print): _____

Student Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (print): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

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Dates to Remember

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Please detach and keep for your reference.

Dates for Heavy Metal Rocks 2027	
December 9, 2026	Student Application deadline
February 2, 3, or 4, 2027	Student Interviews
February 27, 2027	BCSSA Construction Site Safety
March 5, 2025	Successful WHMIS Completion Deadline
March 6 or 7, 2027	First Aid Training
April 6, 2027	Parent and Student Orientation
April 7, 2027	Safety Orientation (classroom and pit)
April 8, 9, and 10, 2027	Hands-on Training at Pit
Late June 2027	Leavitt Certifications