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NWT EDUCATORS' CONFERENCE



February 18-20, 2026 | YELLOWKNIFE, NT

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

GENERAL INFORMATION

In keeping with past practice and in support of the GNWT Collective Agreement's Article 16.08(3), which funds the Territorial Professional Development Conference every three years, it is generally expected that NWTTA members will attend, as these are three regular paid Professional Development days during the school year. This conference is tailored directly from NWTTA member survey input and Territorial Conference Committee discussions (made up of NWTTA members and representatives of the GNWT).

We understand that there will be situations where members are unable to attend the conference. In these cases, members are required to complete and submit [an Alternate Professional Development Form](#) to the NWTTA for documentation purposes. The completed form is to be submitted to ConferenceHelp@nwtta.nt.ca or faxed to 867-873-2366 by Sunday November 16, 2025.

What do I do on those days if I choose or I am unable to attend to the conference?

You will plan an Alternative Professional Development plan using the [Alternate Professional Development Form](#). Review your plan with your direct supervisor and sign before you submit the completed form.

Where is the conference venue(s)?

The main conference sessions are taking place in two locations:

- École St. Patrick High School/Weledah Catholic School (main venue - keynotes and trade show)
- École Sir John Franklin High School

There maybe some sessions at off-site locations.

Where/when do I need to be for the opening keynote?

Welcome and keynote begin at 8:30 am on Wednesday, February 18, 2026 at the École St. Patrick High School/Weledah Catholic School gymnasium. The school doors will open at 07:30 am.

Can I extend my Professional Development and travel back to my community at a later date on the same GNWT funding?

No. We cannot arrange this for traveling GNWT members. Much of the return air travel is by charter aircraft and alternate return dates would therefore, be additional costs that the GNWT PD fund cannot cover.

Can I bring my child to Yellowknife?

No transportation costs will be covered by the NWTTA for children or relatives. If you choose to bring your children, you must arrange and pay for their travel costs and make your own arrangements for childcare.

There will be no childcare during conference sessions or arranged through the conference organizers. There are legal and insurance issues that we cannot take responsibility for in setting up temporary childcare spaces and hiring temporary, uncertified childcare staff.

For those GNWT NWTTA members who will incur additional childcare costs, Article B4.06(d) of the Collective Agreement comes into effect for children 16 years or under. Reimbursement will be made upon submission of receipts, where childcare expenses exceed the expenses which would have normally been incurred.

Can I bring my pet(s)?

No transportation costs will be covered by the NWTTA for pets, and the conference organizers are not responsible for securing delegates pet-friendly accommodation. If you choose to bring your pet(s), you must pay for their travel costs and make your own arrangements for pet-friendly accommodations. You are also responsible for making arrangements for pet minding while you attend the conference.

SESSION REGISTRATION

When is registration for the conference available?

Online registration will be live in early January 2026. A mass email will be sent to members with Active online membership accounts with a link to the conference registration website. Once you complete your online registration, you will receive email confirmation of your session selections. Conference registrations will be open for two weeks.

TRAVEL

FLIGHTS

When/how will I receive my flight itinerary?

Our aim is to have your flight itinerary to you a minimum of two weeks prior to the conference. Flight information for each school/worksite will be provided through LROs and Principals.

When I arrive in Yellowknife, what do I do? How do I get to the hotel?

If you are flying into Yellowknife, there will be busses/rides meeting you at the airport. You will need to know which hotel you are staying at in order to board the appropriately labelled bus. Bus drivers will not have lists of which hotel attendees are staying at.

If you are driving to Yellowknife, you can go directly to your hotel.

DRIVING TO YELLOWKNIFE

If I'm driving my personal vehicle to Yellowknife, how do I receive my driving reimbursement?

GNWT members who do not live in Yellowknife who are driving their personal vehicle to the conference will receive a reimbursement deposit based on the collective agreement, as part of the Day 1 deposit with per diems when your attendance is confirmed.

Following the Collective Agreement, Google Maps will be used to calculate driving eligibility value with current rates. There is no need for you to save or submit fuel receipts as the personal vehicle use rates include fuel, wear and tear.

As of October 1, 2025: 70¢ per kilometer within NWT.

Rate will update in January 2026.

ACCOMMODATIONS

There is inadequate number of hotel rooms in Yellowknife for all members to have private rooms. If you are able to stay with family/friends, please do so. If you wish to arrange and pay for your own hotel/B&B/Airbnb, you will be eligible for reimbursement up to \$250.00/night per room through submitting an Expense Claim WITH RECEIPTS AFTER THE CONFERENCE.

If you are agreeing to share a hotel room with another member booked for you by the Conference. Please confirm that information with the other member before completing the survey.

HOTELS

When/how will I receive my hotel information for Yellowknife?

Our aim is to have your hotel information to you a minimum of two weeks prior to the conference. Hotel information for each school/worksites will be provided through LROs and Principals.

When/how will I receive my hotel information if needed en route to/from Yellowknife?

In-transit hotel information will be provided to LROs and Principals.

What do I need to know/do to check into the hotel?

You need to present government issued photo identification to the front desk of the hotel where you are staying to check-in. If the front desk does not find your name in their reservations, check if the reservation is under your roommate's name if you have one – some hotels can only list one person as the default guest.

What charges are covered by the NWTTA at the hotel? Do I need to provide a personal credit card to check into the hotel?

Room and tax will be covered by the NWTTA. However, everyone staying at a hotel will be required to present a personal credit card on check-in which is for incidental room charges you may make to your room. This is a normal practice and requirement from the hotels.

When/how do we check out of our hotels if we are at the conference for the closing keynote during hotel check-out times? What about my luggage storage and getting the luggage to the airport?

Check with your hotel for check-out timing/luggage storage.

Those leaving on Friday on the first flights to the Beaufort Delta and the first flight to the South Slave will depart directly from the conference venue going directly to the airport following the closing keynote. Anybody on those two flights MUST check out of their hotel early Friday morning and bring your luggage to the closing keynote on Friday, putting their luggage at the back of the gymnasium at Weledah Catholic School until they are departing.

PRIVATE ACCOMMODATIONS

If I am staying in private accommodations, how do I receive my \$50/night eligibility?

GNWT members who do not live in Yellowknife who are staying in private accommodations will receive \$50/night as part of the Day 1 deposit with per diems when your attendance is confirmed.

ARRANGING & PAYING OWN ACCOMMODATIONS

How do I get reimbursed if I arrange and pay for my own accommodations?

If you wish to arrange and pay for your own hotel/B&B/Airbnb, you will be eligible for reimbursement up to \$250/night per room checking in February 17 and checking out February 20, 2026, through submitting an Expense Claim WITH RECEIPTS AFTER THE CONFERENCE.