

# Skátne Enionkwaió'ten – Draft School/Group Language Plan

## KSS Ronteweiénhstha

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Language Goals as Students (As seniors, goals for the school...)	Language Programming at KSS	Cultural Activities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Every day we have different people from other grades doing the opening and closing</li> <li>Labels on everything!</li> <li>Have a class we learn more about history/songs/culture/dances</li> <li>Longer Kanien'kéha classes</li> <li>*Bring in Elders to tell stories*</li> <li>Have the teachers slow down while talking</li> </ul>	<p>➔ Is there enough opportunity to learn Kanien'kéha at KSS?</p> <p>➔ What would you add/change?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There is not enough opportunity and some students do not use the language at all.</li> <li>Offer help during breaks</li> <li>Labels around school</li> <li>More teachers learning the language</li> </ul>	<p>➔ Are there new/different language and culture activities that you would like to have at KSS for students?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Traditional dancing</li> <li>Traditional arts (pottery, painting, etc...)</li> <li>Learning traditional songs in the classroom</li> <li>Kanien'kéha afterschool program</li> <li>Traditional activities/sports for gym</li> </ul>
Strengths of KSS	Challenges/Improvements at KSS	Students & Language
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A sing/The Sing and blanket dances for people and families in need</li> <li>Tobacco burnings</li> <li>Student councils</li> <li>Opening and closing every week</li> <li>Fasting at the school every year.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Motivation to learn the language (attitude)</li> <li>They don't take the language seriously</li> <li>Better influence from their peers.</li> <li>To get more involved in the classroom.</li> <li>Get rid of insecurities to speak the language.</li> </ul>	<p>➔ What could all students at KSS do to learn Kanien'kéha (at school, on their own)?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Actually attend classroom activities</li> <li>Being proactive in class</li> <li>All students receive a CD with all the traditional songs and conversations in Kanien'kéha</li> <li>Encourage your peers to speak.</li> <li>Go speak to the Elders</li> <li>Speak more with your peers (use Kanien'kéha names)</li> </ul>
Families	Our language in the future...	
<p>➔ Is there something that KSS and the students can do to help families learn the language at home?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Help with Kanien'kéha homework</li> <li>Assist them with labelling their homes</li> <li>Encourage them to attend the Longhouse</li> <li>Personal tutors for extra help with the language</li> </ul>	<p>➔ Do any of you have plans to learn or teach the language within the community in the future?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yes, we all plan to!</li> </ul>	<p>➔ Are there enough opportunities to use/learn/ teach the language in Kahnawà:ke? (Explain)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No because there isn't enough of all these boxes</li> <li>And Yes because we have movies based on the language, Elders for guidance, Longhouses, first and second language speakers.</li> </ul>

<i>Community</i>	<i>Language Revitalization</i>
<p>➔ As youth in the community, is there anything that you would like to suggest that would help rebuild and pass on the language to future generations?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Immersion classes up to grade 6.</li> <li>• Bring awareness that it's a necessity for language in the household.</li> <li>• More Kanien'kéha story books.</li> </ul>	<p>➔ When you think about the language, how does it make you feel?</p> <p>➔ How do you feel about the programs and efforts to revitalize the language in Kahnawà:ke?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overwhelmed</li> <li>• Whole as a person</li> <li>• Proud</li> <li>• Happy</li> <li>• Comfortable</li> <li>• We feel it could be better because there's a lot of talk about it being brought back but not sufficient efforts being made.</li> </ul>
Are there any questions you would ask?	As youth at KSS and within Kahnawà:ke, are there any messages you would give to the community about the language?
Are we really doing everything we can to bring back the language? Are we holding back?	Don't be ashamed to speak the language Speak to your children and to your grandchildren Everyone needs to take it seriously because once it's gone, it's gone...

Any other questions, comments, or suggestions??