

# How to Build a Resume

For your application to the Louis Riel School Division







## The Roadmap to Resume Success

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### Why a Strong Resume Matters

A well-prepared application not only highlights your qualifications but also demonstrates professionalism and attention to detail. To ensure your application is considered, please follow these guidelines when preparing your resume and cover letter.



# Tailor Your Resume and Cover Letter to the Position

Your resume and cover letter should clearly outline:

- Your strengths and abilities relevant to the position
- Specific experiences and skills that demonstrate how you meet the qualifications listed in the job posting
- Relevant education, certifications, and employment history







# Focus on the Qualifications in the Job Posting



Carefully read the job posting and make sure your application highlights how you meet the **listed qualifications**. Use language that mirrors the posting and provide examples that show how your experience matches the job requirements.

### Resume Content

#### **Essential inclusions:**

- Contact information (email and phone number)
- Education and certifications
- Work experiences that are relevant to the position
- Skills and competencies



### Common Mistakes to Avoid

### For privacy and professionalism, <u>do not</u> include:

- A photo of yourself
- Personal information (Social Insurance Number (SIN), home address, marital status, age, religion, or any personal identifiers not relevant to the job)
- Experience and education that is not relevant to the job posting





References need to be of a supervisory capacity and related to the duties in the job posting.

We accept one reference from an LRSD administrator if you completed your practicum with them or if you are currently working at their school.

If an LRSD administrator is unable to provide a reference due to limited interaction, or if an administrator is from another school division, we require three references.

### Choosing References

Examples of Appropriate References

Principal/Vice Principal

Supervisor

Mentor

Examples of Inappropriate References

Coworker

Family member

Friend



# Addressing Your Application

Your cover letter and resume should be addressed to:

Staff Services, Louis Riel School Division

Each job posting includes a **Bulletin Number**. You must:

- Quote the Bulletin Number in your application materials
- Submit a separate application for each job you are applying to

# Final Tips for a Strong Application



- Use clean, easy-to-read formatting with consistent fonts.
- Avoid using overly complex designs or graphics.

2 Keep your resume to 1–2 pages and your cover letter to one page.

Focus on accomplishments and measurable outcomes where possible.

5 Proofread
thoroughly to
eliminate spelling,
grammar, and
punctuation errors.
Have a friend or
colleague look it
over!



### Where do lapply?

All applications must be submitted through the LRSD online application system.

Upload your resume and cover letter as **one document** (PDF or Word).

Check our website and social media regularly for new job postings.

### Resource Page

Here are some resources for job seekers in Winnipeg.



#### **Opportunities for Employment**

www.ofe.ca (204) 925-3490

#### Osborne Village Resource Centre

www.ovrc.ca (204) 989-6503

#### **Taking Charge!**

www.takingcharge.org (204) 925-1100

#### **Manitoba Start**

www.manitobastart.com (204) 944-8833

#### **Winnipeg Transition Centre**

www.winnipegtransitioncentre.com (204) 338-3899

#### Métis Employment & Training (Manitoba Métis Federation)

www.mmfemployment.ca (204) 586-8474 ext. 2731





