



## History of Kingsclear Consolidated School

Kingsclear Consolidated School (KCS) has been around since 1950 and has quite a unique history. It began, outside the city limits of Fredericton, as a one-room schoolhouse, heated by a centrally located pot-bellied stove.

Many graduates of KCS, at this time, went on to Fredericton High School and later to the University of New Brunswick.

In 1959, in order to create one large school that was capable of meeting the growing needs of the population surrounding Fredericton, KCS combined with two other local schools: Silverwood and McKinley Ferry.

Through this amalgamation, KCS evolved. The new and improved school consisted of four individual classrooms, a boiler room area, new plumbing and washroom facilities.

KCS expanded again in 1964 with the addition of six classrooms.

In the early 1990's, enrolment at KCS was at its highest, serving approximately 230 kindergarten through to Grade 6 students. Attached to the school were four portable classrooms.

The population of KCS declined with the provincial change of French Immersion entry point from Grade 4 to Grade 1. French Immersion students' travelled by bus to attend the neighbouring Garden Creek School, which offered the Immersion Program.

There was consideration by the community of closing KCS in 1994. Students would have attended an expanded Garden Creek School, where a large gymnasium and other modern facilities were attractive for curriculum delivery. A community vote, at the time, went against the idea.

Many parents of students have attended KCS.