



SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 73 (Kamloops Thompson) ABORIGINAL EDUCATION

September Checklist

School age students of Aboriginal ancestry participating in Aboriginal education programs and services offered by public schools. Students **must be enrolled and in attendance on September 30th** to be eligible for Aboriginal education funding.

Self-Identification

Evidence that the student has self-identified as being of Aboriginal Ancestry (First Nations, status and non-status, Métis, and Inuit).

- Voluntary – only the student, parent or guardian can self-identify.
- Is not required yearly but **must be confirmed yearly** by the school to ensure eligibility before reporting student claims.

The school must be able to support that self-identification and yearly confirmation has taken place.

Proof of self-identification *in student file*:

- Student Enrolment Form (new registrations)** – Aboriginal Ancestry section completed
- Student Information Verification Form** – Aboriginal Ancestry section completed
- Aboriginal Education Parent Consent Form** – completed and signed

Parent Consultation & Consent

Evidence that the parent/guardian of the student has been consulted and has been given the opportunity to opt in or out of Aboriginal programs and services. **Students who opt out or do not participate in any Aboriginal programs or services may not be claimed.**

Proof of consultation and consent:

- Aboriginal Education Parent Consent Form or Telephone Log** – completed and signed
 - In the event that the letter was not received and returned to the school by September 30, consent via telephone, email or facsimile may be accepted – must be documented including date, name of school personnel, other relevant information and in student file.
- Plan for the delivery of Aboriginal Programs and Services** – shared with students & parents
 - An outline of the **ENHANCED programs** and services available by the school for Aboriginal students and parents.

Nominal Roll (students living on reserve)

Nominal Roll students are students living on reserve and in regular attendance at a school as of September 30.

- Evidence that a student is living on reserve as of September 30**
 - Only registered status students can be claimed on leased lands.
 - Non-Native or Non-status students can be claimed if they are living on reserve as of September 30
 - Check in MyEd that 'reserve of residence' is correct for all on-reserve students
- Confirmed with the Band of residence**
 - Make sure the school records of Nominal Roll students match the Bands prior to September 30. This can typically be done by contacting the Education Coordinator from the Band of residence.

