



SD70 Indigenous Education Programs and Self-Declaration of First Nations, Metis and Inuit Ancestry

Dear Students, Parent-Guardians, and Community members,

Welcome to a great year of learning which will be created in the spirit of **ʔiisaak** and will be guided by the important concept of **hišukʔiš čawaak**. We are proud of the work that we do in our schools but, we are aware that more work is needed to build momentum for change and to improve school success for all Indigenous learners. Our goal is to work closely with parents-guardians, families, and communities to provide the best learning environment possible.

The Ministry of Education provides additional funding to provide academic and cultural programs for Indigenous learners (First Nations, Metis and Inuit) in our school district, thus creating a sense of belonging and identity in the school setting. Each school has different programs, activities, and events to support the continued academic development and the development of positive personal and cultural identity of all Indigenous learners.

Our goal is to assist every learner to develop the skills, abilities and personal characteristics that will enable them to have the best life chance possible...to be able to walk with comfort between the traditional and the contemporary worlds to achieve their dreams.

If you would like to self-declare your First Nations, Metis or Inuit heritage, please take a moment to fill in the self-declaration form below or verify your information on the Student Information data form sent to you by your school. We would like to have the most up to date information possible so that we can continue to provide additional services to your child.

Self-Declaration of First Nations, Metis or Inuit Ancestry

(This form is only for students who chose to declare indigenous ancestry)

STUDENT: _____

DATE: _____

Legal Last Name: _____

Legal First Name: _____

Legal Middle Names: _____

Date of Birth: _____

INDIGENOUS ANCESTRY Metis ☐ Inuit ☐ Status-On Reserve ☐ Status-Off Reserve ☐ Non-Status ☐

Which Indigenous Community are you from? (eg: Tseshaht, Hupacasath, Tla-o-qui-aht, Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ, Huu-ay-aht)

Which community do you reside? _____