



Elementary and Secondary School Policy and Administration Guidelines

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Definitions:

“**Member**” means a registered status Indian, as defined in the Indian Act, whose name appears on the Wahnapiatae First Nation Band List

“**Community Member**” means a spouse, or a child of a band member residing within Wahnapiatae First Nation Reserve No. 11.

“**Student**” means a person who resides on the Wahnapiatae First Nation reserve and who is enrolled in Elementary or Secondary School in the Rainbow District School Board, Catholic District School Board or the French Catholic School Board and registered on the current Wahnapiatae First Nation school bus list.

“**Tuition**” means the fee that Wahnapiatae First Nation pays to the provincial school boards annually for each student to attend.

“**Accommodations**” means any charges for room and board or rent to attend private or independent school.

1.0 General Purpose

This education Law is an exercise of the Wahnapiatae First Nation inherent jurisdiction to govern our own affairs and is intended to advance the best interests of Wahnapiatae First Nation, to foster student well being and promote education progress and success and promote good educational decision-making. Wahnapiatae First Nation intends on supporting educational programs and educational services that will benefit our people now and for future generations.

2.0 Student Tuition Eligibility & Start Up Allowance

2.1 *To be eligible for elementary or secondary school provincial tuition the student must be between the ages of 4 and 19 years and:*

- a) Living on Wahnapiatae First Nation land and;*
- b) Included on Wahnapiatae First Nation’s Student List and;*

c) Member/Community member of Wahnapiatae First Nation or;

d) Reside with a Wahnapiatae First Nation Band Member

2.2 Start Up Allowance for Wahnapiatae First Nation students living on reserve and enrolled in either Elementary or Secondary School will receive:

a) Elementary Students: will receive a maximum of \$200.00.

b) Secondary Students: will receive a maximum of \$300.00.

Student Activity fees which include locker, student card for Secondary students enrolled will be paid by Wahnapiatae First Nation directly to the school.

Start-up Allowance will be distributed in August prior to each school year and cheque will be made out in students name at age of 15 years old and have their own bank account.

3.0 Student Information

3.1 Parent/Guardians are required to fill out the Student Information For Student Support Allowance form (Appendix A), prior to each school year for student enrollment tracking, invoicing purposes, and insurance. This form is distributed yearly by Wahnapiatae First Nation Education Department and is available at Wahnapiatae First Nation Education Office. Any changes to student contact information throughout the school year should be forwarded to the Wahnapiatae First Nation Education Office

3.2 Parents/Guardians are required to fill out the Authorization For Release of Information form (Appendix B) form for tracking and invoicing purposes. This form is required to assist the Education Office and the School Boards to collaborate when necessary for education programming and reporting purposes only. Parents and Guardians will be notified by the Education Office or School Board and invited to participate, when such meetings occur.

4.0 Tuition

- 4.1** Services will be purchased for students who meet the eligibility criteria in section 2.1 from the Rainbow District School Board, Sudbury Catholic District School Board and French Catholic School Board within the Valley East District.
- 4.2** Students attending a private or independent school or school outside Valley East District by choice, are not entitled to accommodation or transportation services through Wahnapiatae First Nation.
- 4.3** Tuition fees to attend a private or independent school will not be greater than the rate at the nearest Provincial School Board to Wahnapiatae First Nation.
- 4.4** We will pay tuition fees to other provincial school boards, provided the student is included on our current school bus transportation list or a permanent resident living on Wahnapiatae First Nation.

5.0 Transportation

For full details on student transportation see the Wahnapiatae First Nation School Transportation Policy.

6.0 Student Attendance Incentives

The goal of the Student incentive is to motivate students to attend school/classes and do better in their studies. It is important to note that attendance incentives will be given each year at the Academic Award Ceremony upon the receipt of each student's attendance records from their school. Only on reserve Wahnapiatae First Nation members/community members are entitled to this student incentive, and therefore must be residing on-reserve for the semester/year.

The Education Office requires the Authorization For Release Of Information form signed and on file, so that the schools can forward copies of the report cards and student attendance records. For budgeting purposes, incentives will be paid out in the same school year only and not later than July 31st annually.

Incentives are based on the previous year's student enrollment. Please refer to section 3.0 for requirements prior to distribution.

Students incentives will not be distributed until the Student Information sheet and Release of Information form has been submitted to the Wahnapiatae First Nation Education Office.

6.1 Elementary & Secondary School Students

Attendance Incentive: Incentives will be determined and distributed at the end of each academic year during the Student Academic Achievement Award Ceremony hosted and held by Wahnapiatae First Nation Education Department.

Students are eligible to receive a \$25.00 incentive for promotion on education and academic success if the total amounted absent days in the academic year (September to June of each year) is less than 15 days.

***It is important to note that any absences approved by the school and/or with prior approval with the Education Office are not counted as an absence and will not go against the total allotted number of absent days. ***

7.0 Tutorial Services

7.1 Tutoring in academic subjects may be possible depending on current budget allocations. To request financial assistance for tutoring, the following is required:

- (a) *Provide a letter of support from a teacher, counsellor or principal recommending tutoring assistance*
- (b) *Tutoring may be offered upon requests and availability of a tutor. Forward requests to the Wahnapiatae First Nation Education Department.*

8.0 Student Awards and Achievements

Each year the Education Department will host an Academic Achievement Award Ceremony for our students to recognize and promote their educational success and academic strengths demonstrated from the current school year.

Students eligible to receive any of the following awards: attendance, academics, cultural, scholarships, graduate or other potential recognitions awards will be distributed during the award ceremony. This ceremony will be held between the month of June to July surrounding the end of each academic year.

8.1 To be eligible for a student award the student must be:

- a) A Wahnapiatae First Nation Band member/ Community member:*
- b) Permanent resident of Wahnapiatae First Nation land*

Any student eligible to receive an award will be granted upon the Education Department receiving the supporting documentation from school teachers and principals through access of the Release of Information form.

***For budgeting purposes, awards will only be paid out and/or given to the students at the end of the year Academic Achievement Award Ceremony held and hosted by Wahnapiatae First Nation Education Department*.**

8.2 Elementary and Secondary Graduate Incentives

- a) Elementary Students who have successfully graduated Grade 8 will be awarded in recognition for their transition to a secondary school by the Education Department with the eligible incentive amount of \$75.00.
- b) Secondary Students who have successfully graduated with an Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) or General Education Diploma (GED) will be awarded a graduate incentive by the Education Department in the amount of \$150.00.
- c) Please note that ALL Elementary and Secondary students must provide a copy of their graduation certificate or diploma to the Wahnapiatae First Nation Education Department to receive eligible incentives.

9.0 Student Incentive Initiative

- a) *In recognizing the efforts of our Wahnapiatae First Nation Students pending yearly budget allowances the Education department will award those students an incentive amount of \$50.00 for the successful completion of each academic school year.*

*** This incentive initiative is to promote educational growth and wellbeing for all our first nation member students living on Wahnapiatae First Nation Land attending elementary and secondary school ***

9.1. Eligibility

Please note that the Student Information For Student Support Allowance (Appendix A) and the Authorization For Release Of Information (Appendix B), must be signed, completed and returned to the Education Department and/or the Anishinabek Student Support Counsellor to receive this incentive.



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Appendix A

STUDENT INFORMATION FOR STUDENT SUPPORT ALLOWANCE

STUDENT NAME: _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____

PARENTS PHONE/CELL #: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____

STATUS #: _____

SCHOOL ATTENDING: _____

STUDENT OEN NUMBER: _____

GRADE ATTENDING: _____

CHEQUE TO BE ISSUED TO: _____

Parent/EMERGENCY CONTACT _____

Email address: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: _____



AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF INFORMATION

Appendix B

I, the parent/guardian of _____, hereby give
(student's name)
authorization to release my child's attendance records to the Education Department for Wahnapitae First Nation.

OR

I, _____, having attained the age of 18, hereby give
(student's name)
authorization to release my attendance records to the Education Department for Wahnapitae First Nation.

I also authorize access to the following documents in the Ontario Student Record (OSR):

- achievement records (progress reports); and or report cards
- identification, placement and review (IPRC) statement of decision, IPRC summary;
- individual education plan (IEP);
- notification and permission to attend in-school conferences;
- notification and permission to attend school/system IPRC;
- notification and permission for Education Counsellor to meet with the above named student for the purpose of providing educational or career counselling;
- notification and permission for above named student, to be considered for any awards which will be presented at the annual Student Awards in community (access to achievement and attendance records necessary);
- all other related materials and relevant personnel which pertain to the needs of the student.

This authorization remains in effect until the end of the current academic year or until it is revoked in writing.

Date

Student's signature (having attained age 18)

Date

Parent / Guardian Signature

This information, held in confidence, is collected in accordance with the Education Service Agreements between Wahnapitae First Nation and the Sudbury Catholic District School Board, Rainbow District School Board, in compliance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.