



## Frequently Asked Questions

### How does my daughter or son qualify to receive services?

A parent or student must voluntarily disclose "I have Aboriginal ancestry."

### Who do I tell? What happens next?

When enrolling your daughter or son tell the school secretary. There is a section on the school enrolment form ~ check "Yes" to Aboriginal ancestry. They can direct you to more information from the Aboriginal Education Worker at your school.

### What does Aboriginal Ancestry mean?

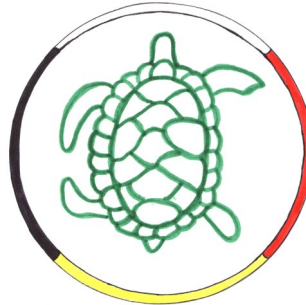
First Nations (status, non-status), Inuit, Métis ancestry.

**No documentation** other than self identification is required and ancestry can go back several generations. As required by the Ministry of Education, permission and/or confirmation will be required to provide programs and services to your child.

**When does services and support begin for my child?** In September and all during the school year.

**How do I get more information on programs and services?** Talk to your school Principal or the Aboriginal Education Department. We'll be happy to assist you!

## ABORIGINAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT



### ASK ABOUT SERVICES FOR YOUR SON/DAUGHTER

For more information contact:

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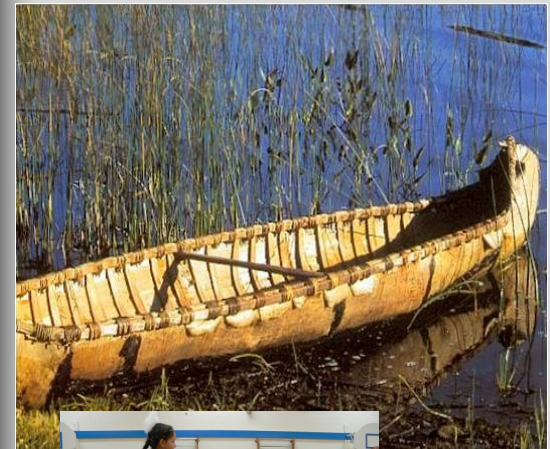
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School District #83

## Aboriginal Ancestry

# Does your child qualify for services?



**Information Brochure on  
Aboriginal Education  
Department  
Programs and Services**



## Programs and Services



\* Individual & Group Academic Support

\* Transition to Secondary school support



\* Cultural Activities

\* Friendship Groups

\* Aboriginal Scholarship Information

\* Aboriginal Graduation Celebration



\* Girls Empowerment Circle

\* 2B Boys Group

\* Career Fairs



\* Aboriginal Student Leadership



**Learn more on how your son/daughter can access programs & services.**



## Aboriginal Education Department

The Aboriginal Education Department partners with schools, teachers, Special Education, District Administration, Aboriginal communities and Aboriginal students and their families to strengthen Aboriginal voice, presence and perspective in schools and classrooms across the district.

**The Aboriginal Education Department staff is comprised of :**

- \* District Principal
- \* Aboriginal Education Workers
- \* Aboriginal Outreach Workers
- \* District Aboriginal Helping Teacher
- \* Secwepemctsin Language Teacher

Our 17 Elementary, 3 Middle, 4 Secondary and Alternate programs receive service from the Aboriginal Education staff. This is achieved through planning and delivery with district schools.



**To the parents/guardians of students of School District #83 WAYTK (Welcome)**

Our district has over 800 Aboriginal learners and a graduation success rate over 70.5% which is well over the provincial average of 56.4%. School District #83 is proud of the Aboriginal program and widely celebrates and promotes the success of all students in SD#83.

**Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreement (AEEA)**

- \* Creating an environment that supports resiliency
- \* Supporting academic relevancy
- \* Engaging students/parents/community in positive, supportive relationships
- \* Encouraging language and culture steeped in respect
- \* 2nd AEEA Signed January 16, 2012.

**The First Nations Education Council**

The purpose of the First Nations Education Council is to work jointly with School District #83 to support education programs funded through the Provincial Government that will enhance the learning experiences for all Aboriginal learners within the district.

**For more information, go to our website [www.aboriginaleducationsd83.com](http://www.aboriginaleducationsd83.com)**