

M'Chigeeng First Nation Education Department

Secondary School Policy



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1.0 GENERAL INFORMATION

The M'Chigeeng First Nation Secondary Education Policy is designed to provide registered M'Chigeeng First Nations members with information and support that will allow them to pursue secondary education.

Secondary education consists of the successful completion of an Ontario Secondary School Diploma consisting of 30 high school credits or an Ontario Secondary School Certificate or a Certificate of Accomplishment. In addition to an Ontario Secondary School Diploma, students are required to pass the literacy requirement and complete 40 hours of community involvement.

The Secondary program is administered by the M'Chigeeng First Nation Education Department. All decisions regarding student sponsorship are based on student eligibility, student progress and achievement.

2.0 ELIGIBILITY FOR SUPPORT

To be eligible for support:

- The student must be a registered M'Chigeeng First Nation member under the Indian Act or the membership code.
- Attending an accredited high school
- Must be residing on a First Nation
- Meet academic requirements for secondary program

STUDENT OFF-RESERVE INCENTIVES/SPONSORSHIPS

Sponsorships for student off-reserve are approved only to MFN secondary students who are included on the Nominal Roll

3.0 HOW TO REGISTER

- 3.1 To register for secondary education, the student must contact the M'Chigeeng First Nation education

office and submit a request for sponsorship.

- 3.2 Then student is to contact the high school for registration prior to the commencement of classes for that school year.

4.0 ELIGIBLE COSTS FOR FUNDING SUPPORT

Students attending secondary school will receive support for tuition fee sponsorship and student activity fees. Locks will also be purchased for the student on a one-time basis.

Students who require special equipment or supplies for a Co-op placement can be eligible for costs up to \$50.00 providing it is a health and safety requirement.

5.0 LIMITS OF SUPPORT

Students will be given a maximum of 4.5 years tuition sponsorship to complete their Ontario Secondary School Diploma. Students choosing to remain another year in high school must make a request for sponsorship to the M'Chigeeng First Nation Education Committee.

6.0 STUDENT CONTRACT

Students who are not maintaining academic standards or complying with school policies may be required to agree and sign a school contract with the M'Chigeeng First Nation Education Department for continued secondary school sponsorship. (Student contract attached)

7.0 LOSS OF SPONSORSHIP

Failure to maintain the minimum standard may result in termination of sponsorship at the provincial high school.

8.0 RETIREMENT POLICY

Students who have retired or have been retired by the school must arrange to meet with the Education staff to discuss the possibilities of re-entering high school. It is mandatory by law for students to be in school until the student is 18 years old.

9.0 STUDENT ALLOWANCES

Student allowances are based on credits attempted and earned. Students who are successful in at least 3 credits at the end of each semester will receive an allowance of \$150.00. Attendance is no longer factored into the allowance structure.

10.0 PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Perfect attendance is recognized and awarded to students at the end of each semester. The perfect attendance award is \$150.00 per semester. Students must submit documentation from the school indicating this.

11.0 STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Students are expected to follow all school and bus policies.

Students are expected to attend school regularly and attend all classes.

Students are expected to comply with course requirements and complete 40 hours of community involvement.

40 HOURS COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:

All students must complete a minimum of 40 hours of unpaid community involvement activities before graduating from high school. This requirement is additional to the 30 credits needed for a high school diploma. Students will be able to choose their own community involvement activities within guidelines that will be provided by the school. Students will be responsible for fulfilling this requirement on their own

time, and for keeping a record of their activities on a form supplied by the school.

12.0 DEADLINE DATES

Deadline dates that determine secondary school student sponsorship are determined prior to the October 31 and March 31st count dates. Students will be notified if their sponsorship is in jeopardy by the M'Chigeeng First Nation Education Department.

13.0 NOMINAL ROLL

The Nominal Roll system is an annual census of First Nation students living on reserve and attending school. The Nominal Roll system is intended to serve as a basis for obtaining funds for the elementary and secondary school education program through Department of Indian Affairs.

14.0 DRIVER EDUCATION (pending funding)

Driver education is currently available through the M'Chigeeng Literacy & Basic Skills Program. The M'Chigeeng Education Program will cover the cost of class instruction fee. Class instruction consists of 25 hours and is held in the evenings to accommodate secondary students.

The student is responsible to pay for their in-car training (approximately \$150.00) and their G-1 license (\$100.00). Students must acquire their G1 before they can pursue the in car training.

15.0 GRADUATING STUDENTS PREPARING FOR COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY

Graduating high school students must arrange to meet with the Post Secondary Counselor to discuss their post secondary plans by January of their graduating year. The Post Secondary Counselor is located at the

M'Chigeeng First Nation Education Office. All students (full and part time) must complete an application form for post secondary sponsorship. These forms are available at the M'Chigeeng First Nation education office. **Application forms for Post Secondary sponsorship must be received by March 30th.** Approval for Post Secondary Sponsorship will depend upon the availability of funds.

16.0 GRADUATING STUDENTS RETURNING TO SECONDARY SCHOOL

A high school graduate can continue their educational studies in a secondary school for the period of one semester providing they are taking courses that are pertinent to their post secondary academic program.

High school graduates returning to secondary school are not considered secondary graduates of the **current year** in the Post Secondary Guidelines. They are considered "First Time Applicants" at the Priority One level.

17.0 SUMMER STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

Please contact the Economic Development Office for M'Chigeeng First Nation for employment guidelines and other possible opportunities at 377-5362.

SECONDARY STUDENT CONTRACT

As a student sponsored by the M'Chigeeng First Nation, I agree to and accept the following conditions and responsibilities.

1. I agree to take my secondary school education seriously.
2. I agree to attend school on a daily basis and attend all classes when I am at school or telephone in if I am absent from school, I will provide a signed note from my parent/guardian explaining my absence.
3. I agree that attendance is important and that late arrivals will not be tolerated.
4. I agree to be prepared for class and have assigned work completed and submit lessons as required and be prepared for tests and examinations.
5. I agree to seek guidance support from the guidance department at the secondary school to review my educational plan.
6. I agree to show respect and honour when interacting within the school community and to behave in an appropriate manner to all staff and students.
7. I agree to review and abide by the Safe Schools Act and I will not engage in any violent activities at school or on school buses.

Failure to comply with the above conditions will jeopardize and/or result in the cancellation of my educational sponsorship with M'Chigeeng First Nation.

My contract will be reviewed on a weekly basis. If I am not adhering to the above contract, I understand that I may be exited from school.

Student

Date

M'Chigeeng First Nation Education Department

Date

