

RRFN
ELEMENTARY
EDUCATION
POLICY

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RRFN ELEMENTARY EDUCATION POLICY

1. INTRODUCTION

This elementary school policy sets the terms and conditions of education, and regulations for all students sponsored by Rainy River First Nations and attending elementary school. This policy covers all RRFN residents except where specific agreement alters the policy.

Chief and Council have the power and authority to make policy regarding any aspect of management of the First Nation. The Chief and Council will delegate to the Education Committee the power to make decisions about education programs governed by the RRFN and in accordance within approved policy.

The purpose of this policy is:

- 1) To provide skills to pursue higher education
- 2) Prepare students for secondary school
- 3) To manage RRFN's Elementary School budget effectively and efficiently

2. ELIGIBLE STUDENTS

The students covered by this policy must meet the following conditions:

- 1) Must be age 3-14
- 2) Attending from JK-8

All students must be a resident within the community.

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3. EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS

Students may receive elementary education from one or more of the following institutions:

- 1) Donald Young School
- 2) Our Lady of the Way School
- 3) Crossroads School
- 4) Provincially recognized schools upon approval (UNFC headstart*)

4. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Students may be eligible to receive the following financial assistance programs:

- 1) Tuition

All elementary students are eligible to receive one paid tuition fee of \$_____ per year according to the tuition agreement. The Tuition Agreement will be reviewed annually by the Education Committee. A new Tuition Agreement will be negotiated by Chief and Council based on the concerns of the Education Committee.

- 2) Extracurricular

Parents are responsible for extracurricular costs for school related trips and activities/sports/drama. Limited funds are available for extracurricular activities such as: sports and cultural activities as per policy. Any personal spending is the responsibility of the student; refer to extracurricular policy.

- 3) Supplies

The Education department will have supplies available at the beginning of the school year.

All Financial Assistance Programs are subject to the availability of funds.

5. SERVICES

Rainy River First Nations has developed services which students may be eligible to receive under various conditions. Students may be eligible to receive the following services:

1) Transportation

RRFN will provide bussing services to school for elementary school students. Students will be provided the service from RRFN to the approved educational institution and return. The transportation of students will be subject to the following of rules of conduct on the bus. Students may be suspended from transportation services for, but not limited, to the following:

- a) Fighting
- b) Truancy
- c) Smoking/drinking/drugs
- d) Hanging out windows
- e) Damaging bus
- f) Refusing to stay seated
- g) Excessive noise
- h) Throwing objects
- i) Foul language
- j) Late for bus stop
- k) Refusing to follow instructions

The bus is an extension of the school and all incident reports will be dealt with via principal and school board reporting. Parents are solely responsible for the transportation of any student suspended from transportation.

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2) Summer Employment

RRFN will attempt to secure annual summer employment opportunities for students. The First Nation will attempt to make these positions career related. The following conditions must be met for students to be eligible for summer employment:

- a) Surplus of available summer jobs
- b) Graduate of Grade 8
- c) Subject to available funds
- d) No suspensions
- e) Refer to summer jobs policy

3) Homework Club

The Education Director will identify appropriate sources for assistance. This club can be established when a need is identified by the community or teacher.

4) Head Start

*****Tabled for more information*****

5) Band Sponsored Trips

RRFN will provide educational trips during the summer months and March Break. Students must meet the following conditions:

- a) JK-8
- b) Between the ages of 3-14
- c) Enrolled in one of the approved eligible institutions
- d) Good attendance

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6) Summer School

Students requiring extra instruction may be eligible to attend summer school. Parents applying for summer school enrolment for their children must have the support of the teacher. The student must meet the following:

- a) 60% or less in grades
- b)
- c)

*****find more info on this*****

RRFN may provide transportation for students attending summer school.

6. COMMUNITY RECOGNITION PROGRAMS

RRFN provides awards for students with significant academic achievements. A gift, plaque, and certificate will be awarded to students achieving honors that are given at the annual education awards ceremony. Upon graduation of Grade 8 the student will receive \$75.00.

7. SUSPENSION

Students may be suspended from Elementary School for behavior that breaks school policy. Parents are responsible for monitoring class work while children are under suspension and ensuring the student doesn't fall behind in class subjects.

8. TRUANCY

Students will be truant when they are not authorized to be away from regular scheduled classes. The Education Director will meet with the student and parent(s) and develop an education plan and agreement. If problems persist, the Education Director will meet with the principal, parent(s) and the student to further discuss the resolution of problems. It is the school's responsibility to implement its truancy policy.

9. STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

Parents will be expected to sign a waiver stating the school can contact the Education Director in regards to the student.

Academic support – ??

Behavior – ??

*****create the waiver for parents*****