

RRFN  
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POLICY

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**ELEMENTARY EDUCATION POLICY**  
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## 1. INTRODUCTION

This secondary school policy sets the terms and conditions of education, and regulations for all students sponsored by Rainy River First Nations and attending secondary education of a continuing nature. 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 RRFN. The Chief and Council will delegate to the Education Committee the power to make decisions regarding education programs governed by RRFN and in accordance within approved policy.

The purpose of this policy is:

- 1) To provide secondary school students with academic skills to pursue higher education
- 2) Prepare secondary school students for the workforce
- 3) To manage Rainy River First Nations Secondary School Budget efficiently and effectively.

## 2. ELIGIBLE STUDENTS

The students covered by this policy must meet a minimum of one of the following conditions:

- 1) Must be age 13-21
- 2) Attending from Grade 9-12
- 3) Mature students taking high school level courses
- 4) Must be a resident within the community

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## 3. ELIGIBLE EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS

Students may receive high school level course credits from one or more of the following institutions:

- 1) Fort Frances High School
- 2) Seven Generations High School
- 3) United Native Friendship Centre
- 4) Ministry of Education`s Correspondence Courses

## 4. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

All Financial Assistance Programs are subject to availability of funds. Students may be eligible to receive the following financial assistance programs:

- 1) Tuition

All full time secondary school students up to the age of 21 years old are eligible to receive one paid tuition fee of \$\_\_\_\_\_ per semester. Students must enroll in four credits per semester, with the exception of senior years. All students over 21 years old, please see Mature student. Tuition will be paid for a maximum of six years.

- 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 the extracurricular policy.

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### 3) Allowances

Students may be eligible to receive a student allowance while attending full time studies at the Fort Frances High School. The following allowances will be paid based on the following:

- a) Grade 9-10                      \$20.00
- b) Grade 11-12                    \$20.00

Criteria for FFHS students:

- a) No allowance to suspended students
- b) Students will be responsible for bringing their monthly attendance reports to the Education Director on the last Thursday of each month
- c) No allowance will be paid to students with unexcused absences

A gift incentive will be given for perfect monthly attendance at the discretion of the Education Director.

Students may be eligible to receive a student allowance while attending full time or part time studies at Seven Generations High School. The following allowances will be paid based on the following:

- a) Full-time with 20 lessons      \$20.00
- b) Part-time with 10 lessons      \$20.00

Criteria for Seven Generations:

- a) No allowance to suspended students
- b) Students will be responsible for bringing their monthly attendance reports to the Education Director on the last Thursday of each month
- c) No allowance will be paid to students with unexcused absences

A gift incentive will be given for perfect monthly attendance at the discretion of the Education Director.

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### 4) Books and Supplies

Students are eligible to receive books and supplies and these will be available at the Education office at the beginning of the school year.

### 5) Special Equipment

Students may be eligible to receive \$75.00 per academic year to assist with registration fees, gym shoes, clothes, etc. Any cost in excess of this amount is the responsibility of the student. All purchases will be made by Purchase Order.

### 6) Tutoring

Students may be eligible to receive tutoring from a student who has primarily completed the course. Students must be experiencing difficulty in the course. Tutors must be approved by the Teacher and Education Director and may be eligible to receive \$7.00 per hour for a maximum of 10 hours per course. Tutoring cost in excess of this is the responsibility of the student. Students will not be eligible for this expenditure if they are repeating a previously funded course.

## 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:

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## 1) Transportation

RRFN will provide bussing services to school for secondary 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.

## 2) Summer Employment

The RRFN Education Committee will attempt to secure annual summer employment opportunities for students. The committee will attempt to make these positions career-related. Students must meet the following conditions:

- a) Between the ages of 15-21
- b) Finish school year and returning

Please refer to the Summer Employment Policy.

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### 3) Co-op Education

Students pursuing Co-op Education must be attending Fort Frances High School. The Education Director may be able to help accommodate co-op student placements with approval of the Manager or Administration.

### 4) Summer Experience Trip

RRFN will provide educational school trips during the summer months and March Break. This trip is subject to the availability of funds. Students must meet the following conditions:

- a) Finish school year and returning for summer trips
- b) Between the ages of 14-21
- c) Currently attending approved education institution
- d) Have a 70% average in the last semester of school \*\*
- e) Volunteer 15 hours in the community within the year
- f) Be a RRFN band member
- g) Long-time resident (5+ years minimum)

Students having disciplinary action taken against them 30 days prior to any school trip will not be allowed to participate.

## 6. COMMUNITY RECOGNITION PROGRAMS

Rainy River First Nations provides awards for students with significant academic achievements are given out for the following annual awards:

- 1) Honor roll. Students will receive \$50.00 per honor roll achievement with a max of \$100.00 per year
- 2) \$250.00 for high school graduates on nominal role within the current year
- 3) Community service award incentive

A gift, plaque, and certificate will also be awarded to students achieving honors that are given at the annual education awards ceremony.



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## **7. SEVEN GENERATIONS**

Students attending Seven Generations School must:

- 1) Be out of Fort Frances/Rainy River High School System for a full semester
- 2) Complete a minimum of 3 credits per year
- 3) Must carry a minimum of 6 credits in a year

## **8. SUSPENSION**

Students may be suspended from Secondary 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.

## **9. EXPULSION**

Students being expelled from an eligible educational institution must wait until the next available semester prior to re-admittance. The Education Director and the student will develop an education plan which will be agreed by both parties.

## **10. WITHDRAWALS**

To withdraw from full time attendance at the Fort Frances High School, the student must:

- 1) Be 16 years of age or older
- 2) Wait one full semester before attending the same or any other educational institution
- 3) Have tuition lapsing

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## **11. 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.

## **12. REPORTS**

All parents and students must sign a waiver to release attendance and report cards to the Education Director. The Education Director will meet with all the students and parents to discuss the reports and develop plans for future success or remedial action.

## **13. STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES**

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

Academic support – ??

Behavior – ??

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

## **14. ADULT EDUCATION**

Anyone over 21 years must meet with the Education Director to discuss and plan secondary school; tuition and educational institution must be approved by the Education Director prior to enrolment. Other routes to completion of Grade 12, for example, GED or ILC courses must be approved by the Education Director. Individuals may be requested to make a contribution towards fees for courses (20%) which will be reimbursed upon successful completion.

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