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## **INDIGENOUS EDUCATION**

### **Background**

The Division supports the delivery of educational programs and services, which provide opportunities for all students to develop an awareness and appreciation of Indigenous histories, cultures and lifestyles, which provide opportunities for Indigenous people to help guide and shape the education their children receive.

### **Procedures**

1. Indigenous Education will be responsive to the needs of the various communities in the Division.
  - 1.1 Schools will provide the following programs and services:
    - 1.1.1 Opportunities for First Nations, Métis and Inuit students to acquire a quality education;
    - 1.1.2 Supports to First Nations, Métis and Inuit students to learn and achieve to the best of their abilities;
    - 1.1.3 Opportunities for First Nations, Métis and Inuit students to study and experience their own and other Indigenous cultures and lifestyles;
    - 1.1.4 English as a Second Language services where needed; and
    - 1.1.5 Support to assist First Nations, Métis and Inuit students to achieve graduation requirements.
2. The Indigenous community will be consulted regarding the development, implementation and monitoring of Indigenous Education in areas related to culture and spirituality through the incorporation of traditions, realities and past practices of Indigenous Peoples.
  - 2.1 The Superintendent will establish an Indigenous Education Advisory Committee.
  - 2.2 Membership in the Indigenous Education Advisory Committee may include:
    - 2.2.1 The Superintendent, the Indigenous Liaison Manager, Indigenous Teacher Consultant; Director of Curriculum and other central office members as required;
    - 2.2.2 School appointed Indigenous Liaison Teachers;
    - 2.2.3 Indigenous parents who have children attending GYPSD schools;
    - 2.2.4 Recognized local Elders; and
    - 2.2.5 Board member(s).
  - 2.3 The Superintendent will determine the frequency of meetings, the frequency and means of communication to the various communities, and the means of encouraging Indigenous parental participation.

Reference: Section 3,4,7,11,12,16,17,18,32,33,52,53,196,197,222 Education Act

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