



Aboriginal Education, Sooke School District No. 62 Parent/Guardian Consent Form 2016/17

To Parents and/or Guardians:

Sooke School District No. 62 Aboriginal Education Department provides a variety of services to enhance Aboriginal Student classroom learning. Services and funding are provided by the Ministry of Education and School District level to enhance inclusive academic and cultural learning in schools.

The School Registration Form allows for **self-identification** of Aboriginal Ancestry which provides the opportunity for Aboriginal Education Services. This Consent Form explains many of the services available to students of Aboriginal Ancestry. Please read both pages to learn about some of the cultural and support services provided.



1) Please remember to check the Aboriginal Ancestry box on the School Registration Form.

Self identification requires 'no' paperwork or photocopies of Aboriginal Ancestry: First Nations (status or non-status), Métis, or Inuit.

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2) Please read both pages, sign below & return to the school:

Yes, I would like the in-class cultural/academic support services for my child/children.

* Child's or children's names: _____

* Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Parents and/or Guardians:

If you do **NOT** wish for your child to be involved in any of the Aboriginal programs listed in this form, we require a written letter from you requesting that your child/children not participate. Please forward your letter to your child's school's office.

Aboriginal Education District Event—All Welcome

The Aboriginal Education Department hosts an annual Aboriginal Recognition Ceremony at Camosun College—May 27, 2017. See Aboriginal Education staff at each secondary school for further information.

Territory Acknowledgement

We would like to acknowledge our schools situated on Coast Salish Territory or Nuu-chah-nulth Territory.

Examples of services:

Aboriginal Literacy Teacher

All schools receive cultural and academic instruction by an itinerant teacher in the area of literacy and connecting Aboriginal content to classroom learning. All services are provided directly in classrooms.

Aboriginal Education Support Worker (A.E.S.W.)

Most schools in the district have an Aboriginal Education Support Worker who assist students directly in the classroom, providing academic support and/or cultural opportunities.

Aboriginal Education Cultural Resources

Aboriginal Education provides schools with a wide variety of Aboriginal Resources including picture books, novels, lesson plans, history books, ethnobotany and science units, DVD's, and various kits to support classroom learning. There are Aboriginal content resources available that match the revised curriculum from early learning to secondary levels.

Aboriginal Education Role Models

The Aboriginal Education Department staff assist schools in coordinating Coast Salish, Nuuchan-nulth, First Nations, Métis and Aboriginal Role Models for classroom sessions that support curriculum and local history and culture. Each school has a 'Role Model' binder.

Several additional opportunities may be offered throughout the district, including a 'Pit Cook' series; a CENENITEL Aboriginal Awareness Series - Elementary; 'MetoWe' Sacred Circle - Middle; Métis Nation Greater Victoria Elementary and Secondary series; Elder Language Programs — Elementary; and a Read Aloud Grade One/Two Program.

Aboriginal Education Department Newsletter

The Aboriginal Education Department circulates seasonal newsletters updating families on department and school news. The newsletter features examples of students' artwork, creative writing, and more.

British Columbia's New Education Curriculum

Aboriginal Education Department staff supports British Columbia's new education curriculum in a variety of initiatives including a new Aboriginal Curriculum Coordinator. See ministry website: <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca>.

New "Na' tsa' maht" Aboriginal Enhancement Agreement, SD #62

For information on the new "Na' tsa' maht" Aboriginal Enhancement Agreement go to the following link: <http://www.sd62.bc.ca/about/aboriginal-enhancement-agreement/>