

## **313-1 Temporary Off-Campus Educational Support**

### **Belief**

The Maskwacis Education Schools Commission (MESC) follows cultural and traditional teachings of the Maskwacis Cree, in particular Wahkohtowin. Wahkohtowin is the belief that all things are related and connected, that all of existence has spirit and that living in a good way requires us to maintain good relationships with each other and other aspects of existence. We recognize that respect for mother earth, elders, youth, and the Treaties are paramount to planning ahead and making decisions for future generations

MESC believes that Kiskinwahamawâkanak (students) needs are best met by direct instruction in the local school. However, it is sometimes necessary to provide other educational opportunities for Kiskinwahamawâkanak with unique circumstances.

### **Procedures**

1. The Kisikinahamâtô Okimâw (Principal) is responsible for determining whether Kiskinwahamawâkanak circumstances justify the recommendation for Temporary Off-Campus Educational Support.
2. Individual Kiskinwahamawâkanak may be recommended for Temporary Off-Campus Educational Support under any of the following circumstances -
  - a. Extended suspension or expulsion from school or bus.
  - b. Extended absence as a result of a medical/psychiatric condition,
  - c. School or specialized program refusal by the student or parent
3. Temporary Off-Campus Educational Support is available only to Kiskinwahamawâkanak registered at MESC Schools. The Nîkîhikomâwak/Ohpîkinahawasiwahk (parent/caregiver) supervises the student. The school provides and marks student work.
4. The Kisikinahamâtô Okimâw must recommend to the Associate Superintendent of Learning Services that a student receive Temporary Off-Campus Educational Support. The Kiskinwahamawâkanak will continue to attend school regularly while the decision for Temporary Off-Campus Educational Support is pending unless the principal has assigned a suspension.

5. The Associate Superintendent of Learning Services or a designate will make the decision to approve or deny any recommendation for Temporary Off-Campus Educational Support. This decision will be made within 5 school days of receiving the recommendation.
6. The Kisikinahamâtô Okimâwl will communicate with Nîkîhikomâwak/Ohpîkinahawasiwahk the placement of the student on to a Temporary Off Campus Education Support Plan including targets for return to in-school learning.
7. The Superintendent will be informed of all Kiskinwahamawâkanak receiving Temporary Off-Campus Educational Support.

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