

128 TRESPASSING, DISTURBING AND INTERRUPTING SCHOOL PROCEEDINGS

Beliefs

The Maskwacis Education Schools Commission (MESC) follows Nehiyaw 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 the sole purpose of the school facilities and grounds is the education of students who are registered and attending our schools. The Commission will provide a safe and caring learning environment for students and staff

Procedures

1. No person shall disturb or interrupt the proceedings of a school or system related function.
2. No person shall disturb or interrupt the proceedings of a school meeting or board meeting.
3. No person shall loiter or trespass in a school building or on the MESC's property
4. Principals who identify a person disturbing or interrupting the proceedings of their respective schools shall request the individual to leave.
5. If the individual refuses to leave, the principal is advised to phone the R.C.M.P. and have the person removed.
6. If the individual leaves but returns at another time or date, the principal should advise the individual in the presence of a witness or by double-registered letter that on the next unauthorized visit, charges may be laid.
7. On the third occasion, request the R.C.M.P. to charge the individual.

8. In the case of an unauthorized individual who frequents the school or school grounds and who may not necessarily be disrupting the proceedings of a school (i.e. disturbing a class) but who is creating problems real or suspected for students, teachers, and/or administrators, it is suggested that the following procedure be followed:
 - 8.1. Identify the individual and either in the presence of a witness or preferably in a double registered letter advise the individual that unauthorized persons are not to frequent the school building or grounds. Further advise the individual that charges may be laid should there be a recurrence.
 - 8.2. Should there be a recurrence of trespassing, principals are advised to contact the R.C.M.P. and request that charges are laid.
 - 8.3. In all such cases the Superintendent shall be advised in writing of the facts of the case.
9. **DISMISSAL TIME** - Student learning is greatly affected when parents interrupt school proceedings by picking up students before the home time bell. Parents are expected to wait until their child is dismissed. Parents also need to arrive on time so children are not left unsupervised waiting for their ride.