

## **302 INDEPENDENT STUDENTS**

### **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 respects the rights of independent students.

### **Procedures**

1. An independent student is a student who is:
  - 1.1. 18 years of age or older, or
  - 1.2. 16 years of age or older and
    - 1.2.1. who is living independently, or
    - 1.2.2. who is a party to an agreement under Section 57.2 of the Child, Youth and Family Enhancement Act
2. Independent students will be subject to all policies, guidelines, and procedures of the MESC.

### **References:**

[Child, Youth and Family Enhancement Act](#)  
[Maskwacis Education Law](#)