

313 STUDENT PLACEMENT

Beliefs

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.

The MESC strives to place all students in the environment that best meets their needs and the needs of the other students in MESC.

Procedures

1. The Principal determines the placement of students in grades, courses and classes.
2. The Principal determines the promotion of students from one grade or course to another.
3. The placement of any student shall be determined after careful consideration of many factors, including the following:
 - 3.1. academic achievement and skill,
 - 3.2. Age,
 - 3.3. social adjustment,
 - 3.4. health and cognitive ability.
4. Placements in a regular classroom with the same-age peers is usually the most appropriate. Care must be taken to ensure that students do not differ significantly in age from their classmates. Students may spend no more than two years in one grade and no more than four years in one division.
5. Parents shall be consulted as early as possible in the school year if any placement, other than the usual placement, is being considered. There must be ongoing consultation between the school and the parents.
6. Parents shall be informed of their right to appeal decisions regarding the placement or promotion of students.