

520 Private School Funding

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.

The MESC administers private school funding on behalf of a student who is ordinarily resident on reserve of the Samson Cree Nation, Montana First Nation, Ermineskin Cree Nation, Louis Bull Tribe including Pigeon Lake and who are registered in a private school. The MESC will set a fair rate (usually based on the local average provincial tuition rate) and allow for administration costs.

The MESC does not provide funding to private schools that are part of an educational service agreement with the MESC.

Procedures

1. The tuition amount for private schools is set at \$7,500 CAD and is broken down as follows:
 - 1.1. \$7,400 CAD for tuition
 - 1.2. \$100 CAD for supplies
2. A letter of confirmation from the school.
3. The MESC will periodically review the private tuition rates to ensure they are fair and on par with the provincial tuition rates/
4. Tuition will be provided directly to the private school.
5. Applicant to Provide proof of residency yearly which can include: either one of the following:
 - 5.1. a recent utility bill or a document with land location identified showing applicant's name or,
 - 5.2. a signed letter from the homeowner stating that the applicant resides in his/her home.

References

MESC Board of Governors Policy; EL-1 and EL-4