

Self-identification is voluntary to all students. It's up to **YOU** if you wish to self-identify. Our school division works with our local communities and our First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Support Team to ensure our self-identification program is private and confidential.



Why is it important to self-identify?

With this information, we are able to:

- Determine what type of programming we should offer to ensure the success of all students.
- Implement changes to offer education programs that are relevant to you or your child.
- Provide resources and supports to enrich your or your child's education.
- Engage with elders in our local communities and develop partnerships.
- Immerse First Nations, Métis, and Inuit cultures into the classroom with faith-based activities.
- Provide professional development opportunities for staff.

We do not ask students for proof of Indigenous identity, and it is best determined by each individual family.

Questions?

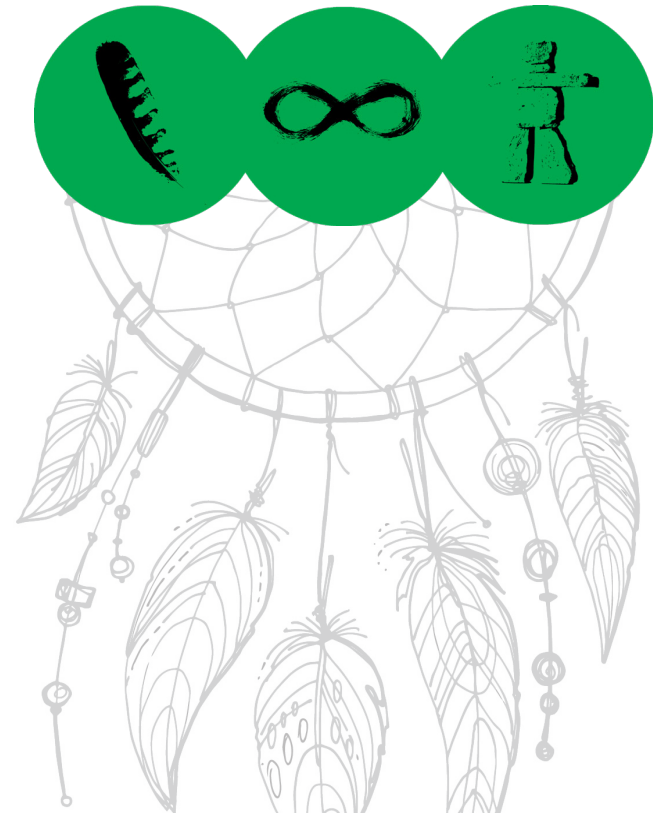
Please speak with our
First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Support Team



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I AM FIRST NATION
I AM MÉTIS
I AM INUIT





What happens when I self-identify?

The self-identification question box appears on our new student registration form:

Aboriginal Self-Identification:

The Aboriginal self-identification question helps determine the number of First Nations, Métis and Inuit students in provincial school authorities. Knowing how Aboriginal students, as a whole, are doing in school helps Alberta Education and school authorities understand what programs are working; where additional programs, resources and supports are required; and what changes may be needed to improve the education system for the benefit of Aboriginal students.

If you wish to declare your child as an Aboriginal person, please specify

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For further information, please refer to: education.alberta.ca/system-supports/results-reporting or contact Alberta Education at 780-427-8501.

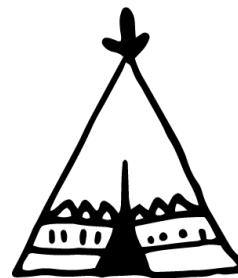
If you have questions regarding the collection of student information by the school board, please contact Ryan Ledene, Associate Superintendent of Faith Development & Division Support at 403-343-1055.

What happens when I self-identify?

Your information is sent to Alberta Education to improve accountability of all students in the province. The use of this information follows section 33(c) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIP Act) so Alberta Education can make program, policy and funding decisions that best support all students.

Alberta Education reports on Indigenous student achievement, which includes high school completion rates, dropout rates, transition rates and results on provincial achievement tests/diploma exams.

Alberta Education provides additional funding to our school division based on the number of self-identified First Nations, Métis, and Inuit students.



Where does the additional education funding go?

Our school division uses these funds based on programming needs and supports.

The funds are divided between division-wide and school initiatives.

