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Policy Statement

The Keewatin-Patricia District School Board (KPDSB) acknowledges that Indigenous Peoples are distinct from other equity-seeking groups in that they are self-determining nations with inherent rights, laws, and institutions. Indigenous rights are distinct. It is the goal of the KPDSB to ensure that the rights are respected of Indigenous staff and students and that they are provided with a learning and working environment that is free from racism and discrimination of any kind.

Rationale

The KPDSB has a responsibility to act upon, reconcile, and be accountable to addressing the impacts of colonialism. The KPDSB has a responsibility to recognize and understand the deep impacts of colonialism and how it continues today.

Indigenous People's rights are lawfully protected by:

- Charter of United Nations
- International Covenant on Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights (ICESCR)
- International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR)
- United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR)
- United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP)
- United Nations Convention on the Rights of a Child (UNCRC)
- The Constitution Act of Canada, section 35
- Ontario Human Rights Code (OHRC)
- Education Act / Ontario Regulations

Cross Reference

Policies

101, Strategic Improvement Planning

315, Voluntary and Confidential Self-Identification for First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Students

316, Evaluation & Assessment of Student Achievement

330, Character Development

326, Curriculum, Implementation & Review

331, Instructional Practices

503, Equity and Inclusive Education

Procedure

502, Indigenous Education Advisory Committee

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KPDSB Committed to Reconciliation

“Reconciliation requires constructive action on addressing the ongoing legacies of colonialism that have had destructive impacts on [Indigenous Peoples’] education, cultures and languages”.

- Truth and Reconciliation Commission booklet, page 8.

The KPDSB confirms its commitment to reconciliation and collaboration with the Indigenous Education Advisory Committee (IEAC) on matters pertaining to Indigenous education and Indigenous students.