

<b>DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD</b>	
<b><u>POLICY</u></b>	
<b>POLICY NUMBER:</b>	<b>P-0011</b>
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	FIRST NATION, MÉTIS AND INUIT STUDENTS, SELF-IDENTIFICATION
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*"To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good."*

*1 Corinthians 12:7*

1. The Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board (DPCDSB) is committed to the vision, as articulated in the *Ontario First Nation, Métis and Inuit Education Policy Framework (2007)*, that all First Nation, Métis and Inuit students in Ontario will have the knowledge, skills, and confidence they need to succeed. In order to ensure that First Nation, Métis and Inuit students reach their full potential, it is necessary to have accurate and reliable data.
2. Definition:  
It is the policy of the DPCDSB to provide programs as a way to help all students achieve to the fullest extent of their God-given gifts and talents. All First Nation, Métis and Inuit students, and their parents/guardians, have the right to voluntarily self-identify so that they may receive and benefit from culturally supportive programming. The first measure in recognizing this right is to establish a self-identification procedure to identify, collect and aggregate student achievement data for First Nation, Métis and Inuit students.
3. First Nation, Métis and Inuit identification is defined in the *Constitution Act, 1982, Section 35(2)*, as including "Indian, Inuit and Métis" peoples.
4. All First Nation, Métis and Inuit students and/or their parents/guardians shall be invited to voluntarily and confidentially self-identify upon initial registration with the DPCDSB. Subsequent opportunities to voluntarily and confidentially self-identify shall be provided using the Student Verification Form.
5. The collection, use, and sharing of this data will adhere to the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA)*. DPCDSB may make informed decisions regarding student achievement initiatives and supports. Data collected may be shared as required confidentially through the *Ontario Student Information System (OnSIS)* with the Ministry of Education and the *Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO)* for the purposes of funding and student achievement.