



Chippewas of Nawash Board of Education

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SUBJECT: *Secondary Student Assistance/Release of Information*

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Policy: The Board shall provide eligible secondary students on the current nominal roll with limited student assistance. Band members from Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation are eligible. Other F.N. Band members and non-band members are entitled to transportation and tuition only. Non-Members must provide proof of residency via B.C.R. from Chief and Council. Band Members residing in Neyaashiinigiing are entitled to assistance if enrolled in the Bluewater District School Board (P.S.D.S.) or the Bruce Grey Catholic District School Board (S.M.H.S.). This policy shall be reviewed annually.

The role and responsibility of the Secondary Student Services Coordinator will be to function as an advocate for secondary students of the Chippewas of Nawash and to provide support on education related issues directly affecting these students.

Assistance is provided by Secondary Student Services Coordinator for the students and their parent/guardians by voluntarily signing a consent form. The consent provides the S.S.S.C. access to student files for a specified duration, not to exceed twelve months. Students and parent/guardians who have chosen not to utilize the assistance of the Secondary Student Services Coordinator must submit proper documentation indicating the student is eligible for Secondary Student Financial Assistance.

The Consent Form and Student Identifier must be renewed on an annual basis.

Grade 9 and 10 students must be fulltime students taking four credit courses per semester. Grades 11 and 12 students must be taking a minimum of 7 credits per year in order to receive secondary assistance. Students who have and IPRC (Identification, Placement and Review Committee) recommendation for reduced course load will be considered on an individual basis. Students who have attained their O.S.S.D. (Ontario Secondary School Diploma) or are returning graduates are eligible for tuition and transportation only.

Secondary Student Financial Assistance consists of the following:

- 1) Semester Allowance**
- 2) Year End Allowance**
- 3) Honour Roll**
- 4) Transportation**
- 5) Student/Extracurricular Fees**
- 6) School of Choice**
- 7) Transfers**

1. Semester Allowance:

The Chippewas of Nawash students shall receive student allowances at a maximum of \$300.00 per school year as follows:

- \$150.00 after confirmation of enrollment and copy of student timetable for the first semester.
- \$150.00 for the second semester allowance will be disbursed after receiving a copy of the first semester final report card and a copy of student timetable

Signed consent allows the S. S. S. C. to gather any required documentation to process allowances

2. Year End Allowance:

Allowances will be disbursed at the end of the school year upon receiving final marks from each Secondary School. The courses that appear on student's time table at the beginning of each semester and on the student's report card at the end of each semester will be eligible for allowance awards. (July 15)

- a) Students who achieve an overall average grade between **70-79%** will receive **\$150.00**.
- b) Students who achieve an overall average grade between **60-69%** will receive **\$50.00**.

3. Honour Roll Students:

Students who achieve honour roll status with an average grade of 80% or higher will be entitled to receive the sum of Two Hundred dollars (\$200.00). This award will be made payable at the completion of the academic year. (July 15)

4. Transportation:

The Chippewas of Nawash Board of Education will provide students with daily transportation to and from Secondary Schools for the duration of the school semester via approved bus contractor.

5. Student/Extracurricular fees:

The Chippewas of Nawash Board of Education will provide funding for student fees to a maximum of \$75.00 per student to Peninsula Shores District School and St. Mary's High School.

Extracurricular fees are available to a maximum of \$100.00 per semester to a maximum of \$200.00 per school year. Requests for payment must be submitted to the Secondary Student Services Coordinator 10 days prior to activity. Requests must include copy of permission form.

6. School of Choice:

Students wishing to enroll at St. Mary's High School should meet the following conditions:

- a) Currently hold an overall average of 70% (Level 3) in all subject areas in semester of current school year
- b) Maintain an average of 70% in all classes for both academic semesters

- c) Should a student fail to meet the minimum requirements, the student and parents are required to meet with the Secondary Student Services Coordinator prior to registration.

7. School Transfers

Students may transfer between Bruce Grey Catholic District School Board and Bluewater District School board once during their secondary school career. Transfers must be done in consultation with the Secondary Student Services Coordinator, on behalf of the Chippewas of Nawash Board of Education. The Secondary Student Services Coordinator shall not authorize more than one transfer between B.G.C.D.S.B. and B.W.D.S.B. per secondary career.

Release of Information:

The Bluewater School Board and Bruce Grey Catholic School Board acknowledge that the Secondary Student Services Coordinator is employed by the Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation. In consultation with the School Boards, the Secondary Student Services Coordinator provides support services for Nawash Students who reside on the Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation and shall:

- a) Continue to have access to Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation students at each school during school hours in the same manner as school guidance counsellors;
- b) Continue to be recognized as a professional education worker with access to Ontario Student Records (O.S.R.), report cards, credit counselling history and student attendance reports;
- c) Continue to be a recognized professional member of all Identification, Placement and Review Committee (I.P.R.C.) evaluations conducted for Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation secondary students;
- d) Play an advocacy role on behalf of the Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation secondary student/parent.