

First Nations, Metis and Inuit Parents or Guardians News Item

The following news item provides information about declaring aboriginal status within Prairie Rose School Division:

All parents are required to complete a yearly registration form for students attending any Prairie Rose School. The second page of the document collects personal information on the student such as medical information, Francophone eligibility, English as a second language, custody information, resident board location, and First Nations, Metis and Inuit declaration. The actual section for FNMI declaration is shown below:

If you wish to declare that you are of Aboriginal descent, please specify:

- Status Indian / First Nations** **Non-Status Indian / First Nations** **Métis** **Inuit**

Please note that FNMI identification provides educational funding to schools that is directly applied to FNMI education and programs in the school your son or daughter is attending.

Alberta Education is collecting this personal information pursuant to Section 33 (c) of the FOIP Act as the information relates directly to and is necessary to meet its mandate and responsibilities to measure system effectiveness over time and develop policies, programs and services to improve Aboriginal learner success. Alberta school boards are also collecting this information pursuant to the same section in conjunction with section 2(1)(t) of the Student Record Regulation and for the same purposes. This information will also be used to determine the provincial First Nations, Métis and Inuit Funding Allocation provided to school authorities.

For a detailed information sheet on FNMI identification please go to:

<http://education.alberta.ca/teachers/fnmi/aldci.aspx>.

For further information or if you have questions regarding the collection activity, please contact the office of the Director, FNMI Services Branch, Alberta Education, 10155 – 102 Street, Edmonton, AB T5J 4L5 (780) 427-8501.

As the above states, all personal information is collected under the guidelines of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIP). Information collected is kept confidential and declaration of aboriginal status is voluntary.

Prairie Rose School Division uses the declaration to track educational successes and progress of FNMI students attending our schools. The information is valuable for maintaining and/or improving programs affiliated with FNMI education.

Alberta Education provides separate funding to Prairie Rose School Division for every FNMI student currently being educated in our schools. This funding is directly applied to FNMI education and programs in PRSD schools.

For more information about FNMI declaration, please use the Alberta Education link below:

<http://education.alberta.ca/teachers/fnmi/aldci.aspx>