



POLICY SECTION: ADMINISTRATION

SUB-SECTION:

POLICY NAME: INDIGENOUS VOLUNTARY SELF-IDENTIFICATION

POLICY NO: A.32

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Cross References: Ontario Student Record (OSR) Guideline, 2000 Building Bridges to Success for First Nation, Métis and Inuit Students.		
Appendix		

Purpose:

This policy provides regulations regarding the collection of self-identified data of Indigenous Students for the purposes of providing relevant programming and curriculum.

Scope and Responsibility:

This policy applies to all elementary and secondary schools in the Toronto Catholic Secondary School Board. The Director is responsible for this policy with the support of the Superintendent of Equity, Diversity, and Indigenous Education, the Superintendent of Student Success and the Superintendent of Curriculum Leadership and Innovation.

Alignment with MYSP:

Living Our Catholic Values

Strengthening Public Confidence

Fostering Student Achievement and Well-Being



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Policy:

The Toronto Catholic District School Board will provide inclusive programs that allow all in our school communities to appreciate and learn from the richness of Indigenous culture. Programming will be provided to meet the curricular needs of Indigenous students. As one means of improving student achievement and wellbeing for those of Indigenous heritage all Indigenous students and their parent/guardian(s) have the right to choose voluntary self-identification. The collection of this confidential data will provide the Board with relevant information to develop appropriate strategies to meet the needs of this community.

Regulations:

1. All data will be securely stored to respect the privacy of each Indigenous student and used only as a means to enhance educational programs.
2. Data will be treated in the same manner as Ontario Student Record and protected and governed by the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.
3. Individual data will not be reported. The information gathered will be used in the aggregate only and for the purpose of developing and implementing supportive programs.
4. Voluntary self-identification data will be collected on Student Update Forms for all students enrolled in the Board.
5. Voluntary self-identification data will be collected on Student Registration Forms for all students enrolled in the Boards.



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Evaluation and Metrics:

The effectiveness of the policy will be determined by measuring the following:

The rate of Indigenous Student self-identification, as captured through Student Update Forms and Student Registration Forms, will be monitored yearly by the Indigenous Education Department.