



First Nation, Métis and Inuit Funding Allocation for School Authorities: Information for Parents and Guardians

Closing the educational achievement gap between First Nation, Métis and Inuit (FNMI) and non-FNMI learners is a priority for the Government of Alberta. We recognize that school authorities may require additional resources to offer program planning and supports for FNMI students in order to eliminate any gaps and ensure student success. With this in mind the Government of Alberta provides a funding allocation to school authorities based on the number of self-identified FNMI students registered annually.

The FNMI funding allocation rate is \$1178 for each self-identified FNMI student; this amounts to approximately \$45 million annually to school authorities across the province.

FNMI funding may be used to support a range of projects across the province:

- hiring FNMI Liaisons or Cultural Advisors
- school-based resource centers offering FNMI student supports
- tutoring and mentoring;
- professional development for school and district staff (FNMI resources, protocols, family engagement, etc.)
- purchasing or developing FNMI resources
- attendance and transition programs
- high school completion
- circle gatherings
- engaging Elders in the school
- collaborating with community partners
- language and FNMI cultural supports for school staff, etc.

In order to determine the number of FNMI students, an Aboriginal

identity question appears on Kindergarten to grade 12

student registration forms for all school authorities. The choice for a student, parent or guardian to provide this information is voluntary. Visit Alberta Education's website (www.education.alberta.ca) for more details about self-identification and the [Aboriginal Learner Data Collection Initiative](#).

School authorities receive FNMI funding as part of their operational grant from the Government of Alberta. This funding is not distributed directly to individual schools, classrooms or students; school authorities decide how to use these resources in their local context, in cooperation with school communities. Some school authorities retain the funds to support district-wide initiatives and others distribute funds, or a portion of the funds, directly to schools to support local programs. For more information on the FNMI funding please refer to the [Funding Manual for School Authorities](#).

To ensure accountability, school authorities share FNMI student results with the Ministry and the public in their Annual Education Results Reports. These reports are available by contacting your school authority and are posted on school authority websites. You may also wish to review the FNMI results in Alberta Education's [Annual Report](#).