SOUTH SLAVE DIVISIONAL EDUCATION COUNCIL

ADULT STUDENT ADMISSION
POLICY IECBD

PURPOSE

The SSDEC recognizes that public schools are primarily designed to meet the needs of youth. At the same time, the SSDEC affirms that education is a lifelong process and that access to learning opportunities should be encouraged and supported.

Students who are under twenty-one (21) years of age are entitled to access the education program in accordance with the Education Act.

Individuals who have attained the age of twenty-one (21) years may be permitted to attend high school at the discretion of the District Education Authority, subject to the conditions outlined in this policy and with due consideration for the safety, well-being and learning environment of all students.

Where feasible, individuals admitted under this policy should be placed in alternative or specialized programming settings appropriate to their age, stage of development and learning needs. Final admission decisions rest with the District Education Authority, based on the recommendation of the Principal.

REGULATIONS

Admission Requirements

Adults seeking admission to a South Slave high school must meet the following requirements:

- Demonstrate that attendance at a public high school, rather than participation in a post-secondary, adult education or training program, represents the most appropriate pathway to achieve their personal, educational and career goals
- Obtain approval from the school Principal and, upon approval, meet with the school counsellor or other designated educator to complete an academic and career planning process, including a plan for course pathways, goals and registration
- Meet regularly with the school counsellor or other designated educator to review program progress related to achievement, attendance and behaviour and, where necessary, participate in cooperatively developed corrective actions
- Demonstrate the ability and commitment to meet attendance and academic expectations appropriate to the program
- Initial admission may be granted on a probationary basis subject to review within a specified timeframe
- Admission is subject to available space and program capacity
- Maintain regular attendance consistent with Policy IED Student Absences

Safety and Suitability

- Admission may be refused where an individual has been convicted of offences that pose a risk to the safety or security of students or staff in South Slave schools, including violent or sexual offences including but not limited to violent, sexual or drug-related offences that, in the opinion of the Principal or DEA, pose a safety risk

- The Principal may require a Criminal Record Check where concerns regarding safety exist

Behaviour Expectations and Removal

- Adult students are held to a higher standard of self-regulation and conduct due to their age and status within a youth-focused learning environment.
- An adult student may be temporarily removed or permanently withdrawn from the school at the discretion of the Principal for defiance of authority or for behaviour that negatively impacts the learning environment, compromises safety or sets an inappropriate example for younger students.
- Prior to permanent withdrawal, the adult student shall be informed in writing of concerns and provided an opportunity to respond

Right of Appeal

- An individual denied admission or withdrawn under this policy may appeal the decision to the Superintendent in accordance with the Education Act.

Reference: Education Act, Section 5.1, 5.2, 6

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