

# CONFIDENTIAL ABORIGINAL SELF-DECLARATION FORM



LIGHT OF CHRIST  
Catholic Schools

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Light of Christ Catholic School Division is working to build a better process of self-declaration for all students. You can choose to declare your children as First Nations, Métis or Inuit. We are asking for your support for this initiative. Please review, fill out and return the attached form to your child's school.

The data collected will be used by the Ministry of Education and our school division to help improve student achievement. It will be securely stored in strict confidence and only a limited number of Ministry and division staff members will have access to it.

Proof of documentation isn't required for declaration, but students under 19 do need parental consent. Please see the attached form and contact us with any questions. Declaration is a voluntary and confidential process and parents or guardians can revoke declaration at any point with a signed letter.

Thank you,

A blue ink signature of Cory Rideout.

Cory Rideout  
Director of Education

“Aboriginal peoples” is a collective name for original peoples of North America and their descendants. The Canadian constitution recognizes three distinct groups – First Nations, Métis and Inuit. Please check the box that best identifies your child:

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

I have read this information:

Optional: Band name: \_\_\_\_\_

Status #: \_\_\_\_\_

- First Nations / Registered / Treaty / Status – refers to an individual recognized by the federal government as being registered under The Indian Act.
- First Nations / Non-Registered / Non-Status – refers to a First Nations person who is not registered under The Indian Act.
- Métis – refers to a person of mixed First Nations and European ancestry who identifies as Métis, as distinct from First Nations, Inuit or non-Aboriginal.
- Inuit – refers to a person who identifies as Inuit, as distinct from First Nations, Métis or non-Aboriginal.
- Non-applicable