

# I AM A PROUD FIRST NATION, MÉTIS, INUIT STUDENT

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“MOUIN CHU FIÈR DÈT MÉTIS”

“N’GCHI NENDAM  
ANISHINAABE AWYAAAN”



Voluntary, Confidential  
Self-Identification

*“The Simcoe County District School Board acknowledges that we are situated on the traditional land of the Anishnaabeg people. The Anishnaabeg include the Ojibwe, Odawa, and Pottawatomi nations, collectively known as the Three Fires Confederacy. We are dedicated to honouring Indigenous history and culture and committed to moving forward in the spirit of reconciliation and respect with all First Nation, Métis and Inuit people.”*



*Your Future... Our Priority*

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## SELF-IDENTIFICATION FORM

Parents: Please return this completed form to your child's principal.

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

Siblings at this school: Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Does your child identify as: (Check all that apply)

- First Nation     Métis     Inuit     Ojibwe

Does your child speak an Indigenous language?  Yes     No

Language spoken: \_\_\_\_\_

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## What is self-identification?

- ✓ The choice to self-identify is up to you and does not require proof of documentation (i.e. no status card is required), regardless of where you live. Self-identification information is confidential, securely stored and used only to support Indigenous student success.

## Who can self-identify?

- ✓ Parents or guardians of Indigenous students
- ✓ Anyone over age 18

## Is it too late to identify my older child?

- ✓ You can identify your child at any age or identify yourself if over age 18

## Will this information be made public?

- ✓ No. Data collected will be treated the same as information in the Ontario Student Record and is protected by both the Municipal and Provincial Freedom of Information and Privacy Acts
- ✓ No data that can personally identify a student will be released



## Why should I self-identify my child?

Self-identification helps schools support the needs of Indigenous students and track their achievement. Student achievement and other data is collected and used to help improve student success.

## Other benefits to self-identifying:

- ✓ Increasing school awareness of the diverse needs of Indigenous students
- ✓ Providing culturally-specific learning opportunities
- ✓ Giving access to support staff designed to meet the specific needs of Indigenous students
- ✓ Connecting students to community services and supports
- ✓ Helping to identify schools that need additional Indigenous programming
- ✓ Providing the ability to track the effects of the services provided to students

## Did you know?



Over 1,700 Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) students have self-identified as Indigenous since 2007.

- ✓ That's 3.5% of our total population!
- ✓ 20 SCDSB staff have self-identified as Indigenous

**The SCDSB is committed to meeting the learning needs of Indigenous students through responsive programming and services.**

**In partnership with First Nation and Métis community members, the SCDSB has:**

- ✓ Dedicated Indigenous student advisors and resource teachers
- ✓ Classroom resources and staff professional development on Indigenous culture
- ✓ Hosted mini pow-wows and a Métis rendezvous
- ✓ Started developing policies on cultural practices in our schools