



VOLUNTARY & CONFIDENTIAL SELF-IDENTIFICATION

for First Nations, Métis & Inuit Students

**I am
Indigenous
*I am Proud***

***Ni Omamiwinini
Aen Michif Niiya
Innujunga***



**OTTAWA-CARLETON
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**

WHAT IS THE PROCESS OF SELF-IDENTIFICATION?

- Parents/Guardians of children under 18 years of age are able to identify their children as having First Nations, Métis, or Inuit ancestry.
- Students over 18 years of age are able to self-identify as having First Nations, Métis, or Inuit ancestry.
- Self-identification is a personal choice and no proof of ancestry is required.
- Simply complete the form below, and give it to the school.
- The OCDSB will not release any information on individual students, as this goes against the law and our own Board policy.

WHY SELF-IDENTIFY AS FIRST NATIONS, MÉTIS, OR INUIT?

We want to provide First Nations, Métis and Inuit students with educational opportunities that honour their mental, physical, emotional and spiritual well-being.

- Benefits include:
 - » Better access to cultural programming
 - » Better access for students to information about post-secondary pathways
 - » Increased school awareness about the diverse needs of FNMI learners
 - » Actions that effectively address diverse needs and increase FNMI students' achievement and well-being

For more information, or to answer any questions you may have, please contact our Indigenous Education team at: 613-596-8211 ext. 8179 or indigenouseducation@ocdsb.ca



Student Name: _____

First Nation

DOB: _____

Métis

School: _____

Inuit

I understand that my/my child(s) information is personal and will be kept confidential. Any information shared will be handled with the same privacy as information within my/my child's Ontario Student Record (OSR).

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: ____ / ____ / ____

