

# Voluntary **First Nations, Métis, & Inuit** Self-Identification Information



# Why should students self-identify?

School Boards throughout Ontario are inviting Status or Non-Status First Nation, Métis, Inuit (FNMI) students and their families to tell them, voluntarily and confidentially, if they are of Indigenous descent. This is part of a larger, long-term initiative to improve understanding and appreciation of First Nation, Métis, Inuit, histories, cultures and perspectives by all members of school communities.

**Proud**

**to be First Nation, Métis, and Inuit!**

The self-identification process allows us to ensure that we are providing appropriate program options for all of our students. We can best meet the academic and programming needs of our students when we can monitor their progress and celebrate their successes.

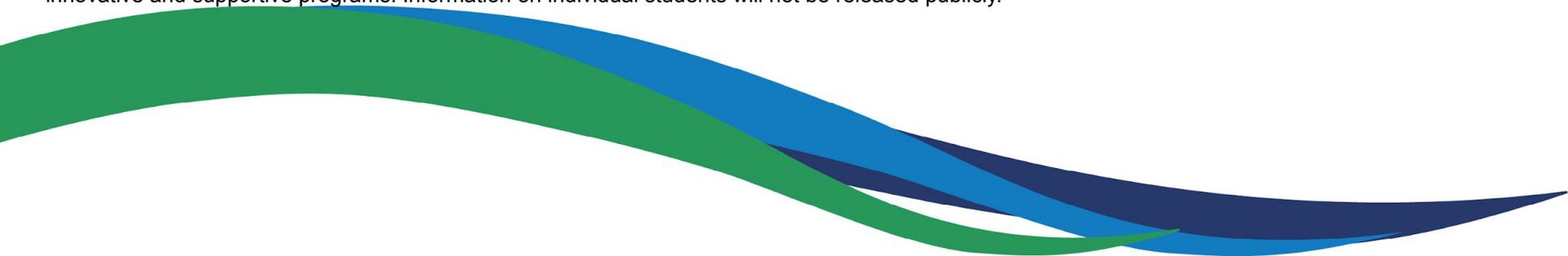


IMPROVE STUDENT SUCCESS	MEASURE PROGRESS	COMMUNICATE
<p><b>Access and enhance programs, allocate resources, implement and develop new initiatives to support and improve First Nation, Métis, Inuit student achievement.</b></p>	<p><b>Track data and obtain reliable information on enrollment, literacy, numeracy, graduation, and retention of students and advancement to post-secondary education.</b></p>	<p><b>Collaborate between schools, families, Indigenous education leaders and community organizations.</b></p>

In 2007, the Ontario Ministry of Education outlined their commitment to deliver quality education to First Nations, Métis, and Inuit students through the First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Education Policy Framework. Under this framework, all Ontario school boards must continue to implement a voluntary self-identification process.

**Confidentiality**

Survey data will be shared with ONSIS (Ontario Student Information System) as a means to enhance First Nations, Métis, and Inuit education programs within the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board. All student data will be gathered and combined for the purposes of developing and implementing innovative and supportive programs. Information on individual students will not be released publicly.



# How do you self-identify in HPCDSB?

## 1. Student online registration

New students can identify when they register for the first time with HPCDSB.

## 2. Data verification form

Every fall a data verification form with students' data is sent home to verify student information. Self-identification can be updated on this form.

## 3. Self-Identification form

The form linked [here](#) can be completed and the information will be recorded in the system.





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